

## New PPE Product: Blue Contact Gown

UCSF Health has secured a one-time supply of a new type of disposable gown intended for use for both contact precautions and hazardous medication precautions. This disposable blue gown with purple lining can be used for any of the following levels of isolation precautions requiring a gown:

- Contact Isolation
- Enteric Isolation
- Respiratory Illness Isolation
- Novel Respiratory Illness Isolation
- Hazardous Medication Precautions
- Standard Precautions when a gown is warranted (e.g. complex dressing change or bedside procedure)

Environmental Health and Safety has determined that this blue gown with purple lining is rated and acceptable for handling of hazardous medications.

There are slight variations with the disposable blue contact gown with purple lining that distinguishes this gown from the yellow contact gown or blue hazardous medication gown:

- There is a Velcro securement at the neck
- There is a single tie at the mid-back region
- The gown does not have loops for the thumbs
- There is a white cuff at the wrist

Due to the absence of thumb loops, when donning gloves take care to securely pull glove up and push the white cuff inside the glove. Pushing the white cuff up to the wrist region will provide a secure fit. If the sleeve and cuff become unsecured from the glove, doff the gloves and perform hand hygiene before securing the cuff into a new pair of gloves.

Follow the [established doffing technique](#) for doffing disposable gowns:

- Grasp the gown in front and pull away from your body so that the ties break, while touching the outside of the gown only with gloved hands
  - *Due to the Velcro at the neck, additional force may be required to break apart the Velcro securement*
- While removing the gown, fold or roll the gown inside-out into a bundle
- As you are removing the gown, peel off your gloves at the same time, only touching the inside of the gloves and gown with your bare hands
- Place the gown and gloves into a waste container

For a patient with Hazardous Medication Precautions ONLY (no isolation of any kind) it is permissible to reuse the blue gown with purple lining for multiple instances of patient care with the same patient. This is permissible provided that the gown has not been soiled with hazardous medication or body fluids.

- The blue gown with purple lining must always be discarded after one use if the patient has any type of Transmission Based Isolation Precautions.



*Blue contact gown pictured with gown, gloves, and standard universal surgical mask. Don appropriate respiratory and eye protection as appropriate to the ordered Isolation Precautions*



*White cuff of gown is stuffed inside the gloves at the wrist to ensure a secure fit*