

New PPE Product: Yellow Washable Contact Gown

Beginning June 22, 2020, UCSF Health will transition from disposable gowns for contact precautions and implement use of washable contact gowns that will be laundered per the existing laundry process utilized for linens. To preserve the supply of washable gowns:

- **DO NOT place the washable gown in a garbage bin or waste container**

This new washable gown is intended for any of the following isolation precautions:

- Contact Precautions
- Enteric Precautions
- Standard Precautions when a gown is warranted (e.g. bedside procedure)
- Respiratory Illness Precautions
- Novel Respiratory Illness Precautions

The washable gown is NOT rated for handling of hazardous medications and should not be used in conjunction with any activities involving hazardous medication precautions. Continue to use the currently available disposable gown rated for hazardous medication precautions.

To maintain sufficient inventory of washable gowns, there are two versions of washable gowns. Both versions are acceptable for use despite slight variations:

- Snap Version: yellow gown with white pin stripes, has securement snaps at the neck and mid-back region, has a white cuff at the wrist but **does not** have thumb loops
- Tie Version: solid color yellow gown, has securement ties at the neck and mid back region, **does not** have a white cuff at the wrist but **does** have thumb loops

Donning: Due to the absence of thumb loops in the snap version, take care to securely push the white cuff inside the glove to provide a secure fit. If the cuff and sleeve becomes unsecured from the glove, doff the gloves and perform hand hygiene before securing the cuff into a new pair of gloves. [The video at this link provides visual detail of donning steps.](#)

Doffing: Gloves must always be discarded into a waste container and the washable gown must separately be placed in the **soiled linen bin**. This requires a new process for doffing:

- Inside the patient room: remove gloves and dispose in a waste container
- Perform hand hygiene
- Dependent on gown version: unsnap or untie at both the neck and mid-back region
- Perform hand hygiene
- Use the fingers of dominant hand to grasp the edge of the cuff of the opposite, non-dominant hand, gently pull the cuff to the tips of that hand, then repeat the process using the fingers of the non-dominant hand to pull the cuff past the fingers of the dominant hand and continue to pull the sleeve off of that arm
- Only touching the inside of the gown, roll the gown inside itself for continued doffing
- Place the rolled gown in the **soiled linen bin**:

DO NOT place the gown in a waste container

- Perform hand hygiene
- Exit the patient room

[The video at this link provides visual detail of the process for doffing the gown.](#)



Washable gown worn with glove, surgical mask and face shield



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



Washable gowns are delivered in washable delivery sacks. *When empty, the sack can be placed in the soiled linen bin*