

## **OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE))**

### **Guideline**

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1. ALL PATIENTS ARE ASSUMED TO HAVE BLOOD AND BODILY FLUID INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMISSIBLE.
2. PPEs consist of:
  - a. Impervious gown covering the exposed clothing and arms of the health care provider.
  - b. Gloves.
  - c. Goggles to provide eye protection. Corrective eyeglasses may be used if they have “lateral shields” to prevent exposure from splashes.
  - d. Booties to cover footwear.
3. Masks are to be worn when working on open wounds.
4. PPE will be used during every Level 1 & 2 Trauma Codes. PPE will be utilized by all members of the trauma team that is inside the box. All providers who are not wearing PPE should stay outside of the box.
5. If a needle stick or exposure to the patient’s bodily fluid occurs, see Management of Employee Exposure to Communicable Diseases

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