

Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

Infection Prevention & Control recognise that the recommendations are generic and that there may be specific guidance that AHPs follow in specialist areas

- The application of Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs) during care delivery is determined by an assessment of risk to and from individuals and includes the task, level of interaction and/or the anticipated level of exposure to blood and/or other body fluids.
- Application of Transmission Based Precautions (TBPs) may differ depending on the setting and the known or suspected infectious agent

Recommended Minimum PPE		
Task	No Infection	Known/Suspected Infection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting a patient with mobilising in ward corridor or on stairs • Walking alongside a patient in ward corridor or supervising patient mobilising on stairs (no contact) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting a patient to 'cough and clear' secretions • Sputum induction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apron • Gloves • Surgical mask/visor if appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron • Gloves • Surgical mask/visor or FFP3 mask (depending on infection)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting a patient to mobilise with urinary catheter/surgical drain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apron & Gloves (if handling drain / catheter is anticipated) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron • Gloves (if handling drain / catheter is anticipated)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing a kitchen assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing a bathroom or dressing assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apron 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron • Gloves may be required if body fluid exposure risk is anticipated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting patient in the gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing a swallowing assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apron • Gloves • Visor – if appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron • Gloves • Visor – if appropriate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting a patient in/out of bed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apron 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal consultation (no patient contact) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Apron