

Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce Inc. Nursing Manual	DIVISION: Nursing CATEGORY: Hospice Residence	POLICY NO: 1-R-19
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POLICY: It is the policy of The Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce that staff, take all possible steps to prevent the spread of infection.

PURPOSE: Proper use of gowns is a step in the prevention of infection spread.

PROCEDURE:

A) Donning the Gown

1. Pick up a clean gown and allow it to unfold in front of you without allowing the inside of the gown to touch any contaminated surface or body area.
2. Fasten the neck ties.
3. Overlap the gown at the back as much as possible and then fasten the waist ties.
4. If wearing gloves as well, pull them on to the hands pulling the cuff of the gloves over the cuff of the gown.

B) Removing the Gown

1. Remove gloves following the procedure in the policy manual. Wash hands thoroughly.
2. Release the ties at the back of the gown. Leaning forward, allow the gown to fall forward off the shoulders. Pull at cuffs of sleeves to further remove the gown being careful not to touch any soiled area. Roll up the gown with the soiled surface area to the inside and discard in garbage if disposable, or in designated laundry if reusable.
3. A staff member may reuse the gown if it has not been contaminated with bodily fluids. If it is to be reused it must be hung with contaminated surface facing in, in a spot where it will not be touched by other staff or visitors.
4. Wash hands thoroughly.

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