

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL  
PHARMACY SERVICES**

SECTION: **INTRAVENOUS ADMIXTURE PROGRAM**  
SUBJECT: **PERSONNEL CLEANSING AND GOWNING**

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POLICY

To establish personnel cleansing and gowning guidelines to limit the risk of contamination of compounded sterile products.

PROCEDURE

- 1 Prior to entering the segregated compounding area, compounding personnel will remove outer garments, makeup, and jewelry and piercings that can interfere with the effectiveness of the PPE. The wearing of artificial nails or extenders is prohibited while working in the sterile compounding environment. Natural nails shall be kept neat and trimmed.
- 2 No food or drinks are allowed in the ante-area or buffer area or segregated compounding area
- 3 Compounding personnel shall don the following PPE in an order that proceeds from those activities considered the dirtiest to those considered the cleanest in the following order:
  - a. Dons shoe covers one at a time, placing the covered shoe on clean side of the line of demarcation, as appropriate.
  - b. Dons beard cover if necessary.
  - c. Dons head cover assuring that all hair is covered.
  - d. Dons face mask to cover bridge or nose down to include chin.
  - e. Washes hands and forearms to the elbows with soap and warm water for at least 30 seconds.
  - f. Dries hands and forearms completely using lint-free towel.
  - g. Don non-shedding coverall gown.
  - h. Hand cleansing with a waterless alcohol-based surgical hand scrub with persistent activity, allowing hands to dry thoroughly.
  - i. Don appropriate size sterile gloves.
  - j. Prior to entry into the PEC (BSC or Glove Box), cleanse hand with a waterless alcohol-base surgical hand scrub with persistent activity.
- 4 During protracted compounding activities, compounding personnel will intermittently re-sanitize their gloves with sterile 70% isopropyl alcohol with persistent activity.
- 5 Compounding personnel will routinely inspect their sterile gloves for holes and replace

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when breaches are detected.

- 6 Exterior coverall gown, if not visibly soiled, may be carefully removed at the entrance and hung inside out for re-donning upon re-entry, but only during the same work shift.
- 7 Shoe covers, hair and facial covers, face masks, and gloves shall be discarded and new ones donned prior to re-entering the segregated compounding area, and proper hand hygiene shall be performed.