

Personal protective equipment advice for imaging departments and teams



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X-ray, CT, MRI, nuclear imaging, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, portable X-ray

with close patient contact (within 2 metres)

Staff working in the imaging department

not in close patient contact

(more than 2 metres) mask only – no need to wear apron and gloves

Consider eye protection if the

patient is coughing

and ask the patient to wear a mask if they are able to



Imaging department room when performing

aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)

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Portable imaging in a higher risk acute care area

e.g. HDU/ ITU/ Resus/ wards with non-invasive ventilation/ any area where AGPs regularly performed.

Some IR cases

IR suites, biopsies, drainages and line insertions but not AGPs

as above but use a fluid resistant surgical mask, not an FFP mask

*In the context of sustained community COVID-19 transmission, sessional use of PPE for **all patients** is recommended.