Personal protective equipment advice for imaging departments and teams

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

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Imaging department room when performing aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)

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.

For more information on infection prevention and control of COVID-19 please visit:

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