

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #181b - COVID-19 - ID-IPC - Usage of Halyard Gowns - Oct 28 2021

**COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidance:
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) usage
of the Halyard gowns (blue universal gowns)**

The ID-IPC COVID-19 Committee reviewed the indications for use of the Halyard (blue universal) gowns.

It was agreed the Halyard gowns are appropriate for use in the following patient-care capacity:

- routine patient care in health care settings, including acute and community settings such as COVID-19 exposure units and testing centres.
- PPE for multidrug resistant organisms (e.g., MRSA, VRE, ESBL-producing organisms).
- PPE for contact precautions such as *C. difficile*.
- Visitors / family members for patients on isolation precautions.

The [Infection Prevention & Control Guide to Managing Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) in a Shortage: COVID-19 Pandemic](#) recommends in the event of PPE shortages, health care workers can access an alternative gown option. The Halyard gown is an available option currently in inventory.

Halyard gowns are not appropriate when surgical, sterile or fluid resistant / impermeable gowns are required based on levels of barrier performance with Level 1 being the lowest level of protection, and Level 4 being the highest level of protection as per standards.

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