

**Department/Program(s)**  
**Elastomeric Half Facepiece Respirators**  
**April 3, 2020**



<b>What's New?</b>	Elastomeric Half Facepiece Respirators (EHFR) will be deployed to designated units as an N95 Respirator alternative.
<b>Why?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are available to reduce reliance on disposable N-95 respirators as part of the PPE Preservation Strategy.</li> </ul>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elastomeric half facepiece respirators are re-usable respirators</li> <li>• Fit testing of the EHFR is required prior to first use and annually thereafter</li> <li>• EHFR are assigned to a single staff member for the duration of a work shift and <b>MUST NOT</b> be shared during a shift</li> <li>• EHFR have a specific donning/doffing procedure</li> <li>• EHFR are disinfected between tasks/patient care activities based on the point of care risk assessment, and then stored in a dedicated storage bin when disinfected</li> <li>• EHFR are disinfected by MDR between at the end of shift before being returned to the patient care unit and assigned to another staff member</li> </ul>
<b>How do I find out more?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check out ePOPS procedure: <a href="#">Elastomeric Half Face Respirator Use</a> for information on donning, doffing, disinfection and end of shift responsibilities.</li> <li>• Attend unit-specific education (ie edu-quick)</li> </ul>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact your unit educators for details</li> </ul>