

## Department/Program(s)

# Elastomeric Half Facepiece Respirators

### May 4, 2020

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| <b>What's New?</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EHFR provide protection for staff person wearing it. It does not protect the patient. Do not use EHFR for any sterile procedure requiring a mask to protect patient.</li> <li>• Use only workplace provided EFHR. Use of personally purchased PPE, including EHFR, is not supported.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Why?</b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EHFR available from BCCH/BCWH are non-surgical grade and provide protection for staff member only. Use of surgical mask over the EHFR is not supported by Workplace Health &amp; Safety.</li> <li>• Sufficient PPE is available and will be provided by BCCH and BCW for all staff.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>How does this affect my practice?</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discontinue any use of a surgical mask over EHFR</li> <li>• Discontinue use of any personally purchased EHFR or other PPE.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>How do I find out more?</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check out ePOPS to review the updated <a href="#">Elastomeric Half Facepiece Respirators Procedure</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Who do I contact for further information?</b> | <p>Contact your area clinical leaders, professional practice leaders, or C&amp;W Policy Office. Page the Infection Control Practitioner at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local 2161 or pager 41-02411 Monday to Friday 0800-1600 or <a href="mailto:IPACS@cw.bc.ca">IPACS@cw.bc.ca</a></b></li> <li>• After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 2161</li> </ul> |