Operating Room Instructions for Normal (non-Suspected COVID-19) Patients

The Operating Room

☐ All surgeries for patients who are not suspected to be COVID-19 positive should occur in positive pressure rooms per our standard operating procedures.

☐ OR 12 should remain available for confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. If OR 12 is in use for a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient, infection prevention (ext: 22847) can coordinate converting another OR to neutral pressure as needed.

Staff PPE

☐ Only essential staff should be in the OR for all cases.

☐ When performing intubation / extubation, only essential staff should be in the room and non-anesthesia staff should stay in the periphery of the room (at least 6 feet away from the patient).

☐ All OR staff should wear normal PPE for a case. Surgical masks should be worn continuously throughout the day in alignment with our extended mask use policy.

☐ Anesthesia will wear N-95 masks for all cases regardless of whether or not they are suspected to be COVID-19 positive. Anesthesia should be REUSING their surgical mask (not changing masks between patients). Please visit the COVID-19 subsite on the Pulse for more information about extended mask use.

OR Cleaning

☐ OR cleaning for non-suspected COVID-19 operating rooms follows Denver Health’s standard procedures.

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