

# NOSM COVID-19 Weekly Clinical Rounds

COVID-19 PPE: Indications, procurement, conservation & reuse in Northern Ontario

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## **DESCRIPTION:**

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, personal protective equipment (PPE) is key in the provision of healthcare for healthcare personnel to protect themselves, their families, patients and others. Worldwide PPE shortages are creating tremendous challenges for healthcare facilities across Northern Ontario in their procurement of PPE including facemasks, gowns, eye protection, N95 respirators and gloves. Optimization strategies for PPE vary when PPE supplies are in demand, running low or absent. Important PPE principles include clear indications, approaches to conservation and safe reuse when possible.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Identify types of personal protective equipment (PPE) and define their role during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Describe rationale for healthcare PPE working groups including planning challenges for the procurement, conservation and reuse of PPE.

Appraise levels of risk to healthcare personnel providing care to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and associated PPE recommendations.

## **PRESENTATION AND SESSION DOCUMENTS:**

- [Watch Full Presentation: June 12, 2020](#)
- [View PowerPoint Slide Deck: June 12, 2020](#)
- [Northern Ontario PPE Resources Update \(June 16, 2020\)](#)