

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Precautions	SUBJECT: Gowns	SECTION: G POLICY: 7
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GOWNS

POLICY:

A gown should be worn when it is anticipated that a procedure or care activity is likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood, body fluids, secretions, or excretions.

GUIDELINES:

- Long sleeved gowns protect the forearms and clothing of the healthcare provider from splashing and soiling with blood, body fluids, and other potentially infectious material.
- Gowns used as personal protective equipment should be cuffed and long sleeved, and offer full coverage of the body front, from neck to mid-thigh or below.
- Clinical laboratory coats or jackets are not a substitute for gowns when a gown is indicated.
- When use of a gown is indicated, the gown should be put on immediately before the task and must be worn properly (i.e., tied at the top and around the waist).
- Remove the gown immediately after the task for which it has been used in a manner that prevents contamination of clothing or skin and prevents agitation of the gown.
- Discard used gown immediately after removal into appropriate receptacle.
- Do not hang gown for later use.
- Do not reuse gown.
- Do not go from resident to resident wearing the same gown.