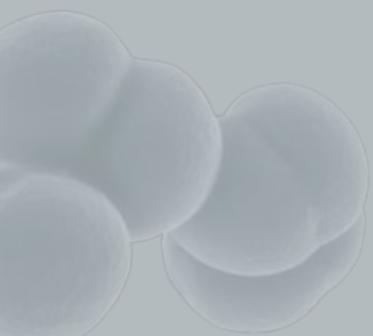


# KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Personal Protective Equipment

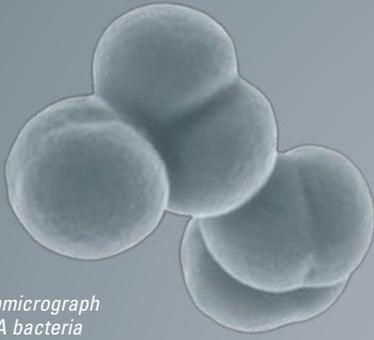
*Protection Selection Basics*



**KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Personal Protective Equipment:  
First Line of Defense in Patient-Clinician Protection**



*Trusted Clinical Solutions\**



Electronmicrograph  
of MRSA bacteria

## MRSA and the Importance of Proper PPE Use.

Studies have shown that clinicians' Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as gowns and gloves are frequently contaminated with MRSA and can potentially serve as sources for healthcare worker, patient or environmental contamination.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, following CDC guidelines for the proper use of PPE is critically important in helping prevent the spread of MRSA.

In today's healthcare environment, it's more important than ever for clinicians to be equipped with the proper protective apparel, masks, and gloves, to help reduce the spread of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) among patients and visitors, as well as to ensure their own safety. According to World Health Organization statistics, at any given time, 1.4 million people worldwide suffer from infections acquired in hospitals.

Kimberly-Clark is a market leader in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) solutions that help protect the healthcare worker and help prevent the transfer of infections, contributing to a safer environment for everyone within healthcare facilities.

However, protective equipment is worthless if it isn't used. That's why we focus on creating comfortable, easy-to-wear PPE, designed to encourage healthcare workers to comply with recommended guidelines.



Special lighting and a luminescent substance representing bacteria show how easy it is to set the problem of contact transfer in motion. A healthcare worker merely has to touch a contaminated surface and then touch a patient.

## KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Personal Protective Equipment



### KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Latex-Free Nitrile Exam Gloves

Our full line of Nitrile Exam Gloves provides barrier protection against strikethrough of blood and other potentially harmful fluids. These durable gloves provide the fit and feel that help clinicians do their jobs, without the risks associated with latex-related sensitivity and allergy.

#### KC500 PURPLE NITRILE\* Exam Gloves: Maximum Protection for Higher-Risk Procedures

PURPLE NITRILE\* Exam Gloves are often the glove of choice for healthcare workers who need outstanding barrier protection from bacteria, viruses and chemicals during procedures where risk of fluid exposure is moderate to high. These durable gloves are available in 9.5 and 12-inch lengths, for maximum coverage and protection.

PURPLE NITRILE\* Gloves are especially appropriate in dealing with unknown risks.



#### KC300 STERLING\* Nitrile Exam Gloves: The Worry-Free Choice for Virtually Every Task

STERLING\* Nitrile Exam Gloves provide excellent fit and feel compared to latex, with excellent comfort and tactile sensitivity. They provide durable barrier protection in situations where expected fluid exposure is low to high. If you want to standardize with one exam glove that can fit virtually all your needs facility-wide, STERLING\* Nitrile is the glove to choose.



#### KC100 LAVENDER\* Nitrile Exam Gloves: Affordable Nitrile Protection and Comfort

LAVENDER\* Nitrile Exam Gloves are thinner, lighter, and more economical than standard nitrile, yet they retain the protective properties required for barrier performance across a wide range of healthcare tasks. They're designed for situations in which expected fluid exposure is low to moderate. The ideal replacement for vinyl exam gloves, LAVENDER\* Gloves provide more reliable protection, better performance, and more comfort than vinyl, at an everyday affordable price.



Learn more about selecting the right glove with CE accredited education at:  
[http://www.iceinstitute.com/webinar\\_medical\\_gloves.html](http://www.iceinstitute.com/webinar_medical_gloves.html)





## **KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Isolation Gowns**

Our Isolation Gown portfolio provides protection based on AAMI guidelines, the most widely accepted system of classification, determined by liquid barrier performance, for protective apparel and surgical drapes. Three levels of protection allow you to select the right gown for the procedure at the right price.

### **KC300 Isolation Gown: Maximum Protection When Risk of Exposure to Fluid is Moderate**

- Meets AAMI Level 3 requirements
- Heavy-weight SMS fabric
- Recommended for:†
  - Drawing arterial blood, inserting I.V. lines
  - ER, Trauma, Burn Units, Critical Care Units



### **KC200 Isolation Gown: For Facility-Wide Use When Risk of Exposure to Fluid is Between Low and Moderate**

- Meets AAMI Level 2 requirements
- Medium-weight SMS fabric
- Recommended for:†
  - Suturing, blood draw, inserting I.V. lines, specimen handling, drawing arterial blood
  - ICU, Hyperbaric and Dialysis Units, Med/Surg Unit, Labs and Pathology, Nursery



### **KC100 Isolation Gown: Basic Protection When Risk of Exposure to Fluid is Low**

- Meets AAMI Level 1 requirements
- Light-weight SMS Fabric
- Recommended for:†
  - Transporting patients, basic patient care
  - Med/Surg Unit, Laundry, Housekeeping



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## KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Facial Protection

KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Face Masks offer the broadest range of styles, features, and levels of protection available today. For convenience, our products are grouped into five different categories:

### Fluid Resistant Face Masks

A complete family of FLUIDSHIELD\* products meet ASTM F 1862 requirements for facial protection against the penetration of blood and bodily fluids,<sup>††</sup> featuring LONCET\* Breathable Film. FLUIDSHIELD\* masks are also available with Anti-Glare Visors for added splash protection.



### Particulate Filter Respirators

NIOSH Approved N95 Particulate Filter Respirators and Surgical Masks are designed to provide an effective facial fit as required for proper respiratory protection against airborne pathogens.



### Standard Face Masks

These masks provide protection for general patient care when exposure to blood and/or bodily fluids is not a risk.



### Also Available

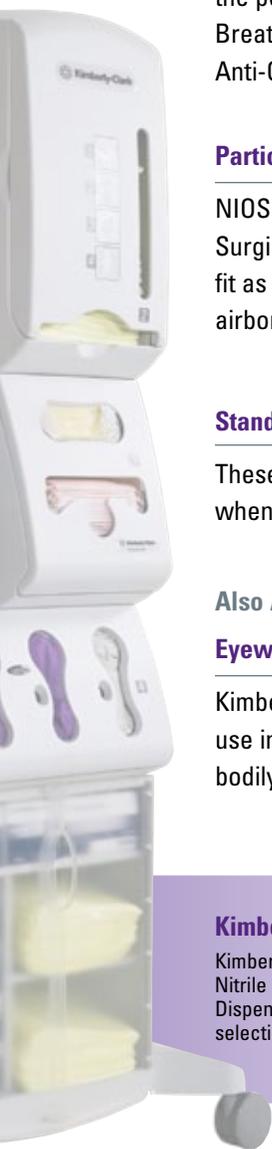
#### Eyewear and Face Shields

Kimberly-Clark's eyewear and face shields are designed for use in situations where risk of exposure to blood and/or bodily fluids through splashing is possible.



### Kimberly-Clark's Full Range of PPE Solutions

Kimberly-Clark offers a full range of PPE, including latex-free PURPLE NITRILE\* and STERLING\* Nitrile Exam Gloves; face masks, N95\* respirators, and eyewear; and a unique PPE Dispensing System that helps prevent contamination and promotes compliance in the selection and donning process.



Learn more at [www.HAIwatch.com](http://www.HAIwatch.com)

The HAI issue is one of critical importance to every healthcare facility and every healthcare consumer. This site is dedicated to providing information about healthcare-associated infections – what they are, why and how they occur and what can be done to help prevent them.

NEW! In your effort to reduce MRSA, visit [www.haiwatch.com/mrsa](http://www.haiwatch.com/mrsa) for all the products, education, tools and training you need. From informative literature and accredited education courses to website links, news stories, and interactive tools, you'll find resources to assist you in your fight against this dangerous HAI.

NEW! Choose the right level of protection for your situation at [www.kcprotectionselection.com](http://www.kcprotectionselection.com)



**LOG ON TODAY!**

With the help of our virtual healthcare professional, the tool will assist you in selecting the most effective PPE for most healthcare procedures or tasks.



Learn more about influenza pandemic threat with CE accredited education at: <http://www.haiwatch.com/ClinicalEducation.aspx>



## The KIMBERLY-CLARK ADVANTAGE<sup>®</sup>

### **KNOWLEDGE NETWORK<sup>®</sup> Accredited Education**

*Online at HAIwatch.com  
On-site rep-facilitated programs  
HAI Education Bus*

### **Ongoing Customer Support**

*In-service training  
Product technical support  
Unsurpassed customer service*

### **Expert Sales Force**

*Healthcare Industry Representative Credentialed  
On-site trained in hospitals*

Infection prevention website:

[www.HAIwatch.com](http://www.HAIwatch.com)



### **Tools & Best Practices**

*Infection Prevention Education Toolkits  
Utilization Reviews  
Product Use and Selection Tools  
Best Practices/Industry Guidelines  
Pandemic Planning Demand Calculator  
Exam Glove Space and Waste Calculator  
Latex-Free Exam Glove Community Outreach Program*

### **Clinical Research**

*Staff medical professionals to advise and direct clinical research  
Peer-to-peer consultation*

### **Commitment to Excellence**

*At Kimberly-Clark, our mission is to deliver innovative healthcare solutions supported by in-service training, clinical research and accredited education that you can depend on to meet the demands of your fast-paced world. Whether your needs involve preventing healthcare-associated infections or finding surgical, digestive health, or pain management solutions, with Kimberly-Clark you'll always have one less worry.*



**Healthcare-Associated Infection Solutions**



**Surgical Solutions**



**Digestive Health**



**Pain Management**

1. MRSA: Time for Action Study Guide, p.11. Kimberly-Clark KNOWLEDGE NETWORK<sup>®</sup> Video Education Program. 2007.

<sup>†</sup>Recommended areas and tasks are based on feedback from a research panel of 300 Registered Nurses, Infection Control Practitioners, and Materials Managers. Ultimately, the healthcare personnel using these gowns must make the final decision on which level of protection is appropriate, given the anticipated risk of fluid exposure.

<sup>††</sup> ASTM F 1862, Standard Test Method for Resistance of Medical Face Masks to Penetration by Synthetic Blood (Horizontal Projection of Fixed Volume at Known Velocity)

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