Use of Fluorescence Photography Method in Identifying Risks and Optimum Sequence of Removing Personal Protective Equipment for Infection Control Purpose



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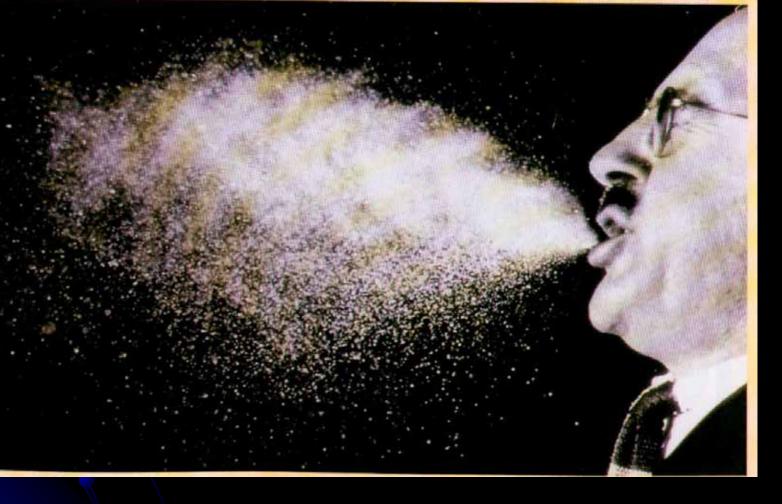






The battle against disease has been helped by understanding the relationships between micro-organisms, humans and other species, and how they are affected by environmental changes. 'Epidemic! The World of Infectious Disease' provides an imaginative, graphic, lively and interactive history of various infections. Ongoing at the American Museum of **Natural History.**

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Cumulative Number of Confirmed Human Cases of Avian Influenza A/(H5N1) Reported to WHO

18 March 2008

Country	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		Total	
	cases	deaths	cases	deaths										
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	8	5
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	7	7
China	1	1	0	0	8	5	13	8	5	3	3	3	30	20
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	10	25	9	4	1	47	20
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	20	13	55	45	42	37	12	10	129	105
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Pakistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Thailand	0	0	17	12	5	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	25	17
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	0	0	0	0	12	4
Viet Nam	3	3	29	20	61	19	0	0	8	5	5	5	106	52
Total	4	4	46	32	98	43	115	79	86	59	24	1 9	373	236

Weekly consultation of influenza-like illness reported by GOPC and GP in 2007 and 2008

Weekly consultation rates of influenza-like illness reported by General Out-patient Clinics (GOPC) and General Practitioners (GP) 2007

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For the week ending	Rate (per 1000 consul	For the week	Rate (per 1000		
	GOPC	GP	ending	GOPC	
6/1	3.2	41.1	5/1	3.7	
13/1	2.8	42.7	12/1	3.5	
20/1	3.9	39.5	19/1	3.7	
27/1	4.3	42.2	26/1	3.8	
3/2	5.2	50.6	2/2	4.4	
10/2	6.5	55.5	9/2	5.4	
17/2	4.2	58.0	16/2	6.6	
24/2	6.5	52.0	23/2	7.0	
3/3	5.6	52.9	1/3	8.9	
10/3	5.2	58.8	8/3	10.1	
17/3	5.5	56.2	15/3	12.3	
24/3	6.7	55.3	22/3	7.0	
31/3	4.0	55.8	29/3		
7/4	5.2	61.5	5/4		
14/4	5.6	43.2	12/4		
21/4	4.5	39.6	19/4		
28/4	5.7	43.3	26/4		
5/5	3.5	42.2	3/5		

For the week	Rate (per 1000 consultations)						
ending	GOPC	GP					
5/1	3.7	44.6					
12/1	3.5	43.7					
19/1	3.7	44.5					
26/1	3.8	50.7					
2/2	4.4	51.3					
9/2	5.4	28.6					
16/2	6.6	35.2					
23/2	7.0	63.4					
1/3	8.9	57.5					
8/3	10.1	75.9					
15/3	12.3	76.1					
22/3	7.0	53.7					
29/3							
5/4							
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19/4							
26/4							
3/5							

Updates from CHP on 28 March 2008







Types of PPE Used in Healthcare Settings

- Gloves protect hands
- Gowns/aprons protect skin and/or clothing
- Surgical masks and respirators protect mouth/ nose
- Goggles protect eyes
- Face shields protect face, mouth, nose, and eyes
- Optional use:
 - Boots, cap





High Risk Procedures

- Bronchoscopy
- Nasal pharyngeal aspiration
- Tracheal tube insertion
- Open circuit suctioning
- Use of nebulizers or puff
- Other cough producing or aerosol generating procedures

Aerosol-Generating Procedures



Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Guidance for

Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Employers

OSHA 3328-05 2007

OSHA

- Endotracheal intubation
- Aerosolized or nebulized medication administration
- Sputum induction/collection
- Bronchoscopy
- Airway suctioning
- +ve pressure ventilation via face masks
- High-frequency oscillatory ventilation

Aerosol-Generating Procedures

WHO/CDS/EPR/2007.6 Infection prevention and control of epidemic- and pandemic-prone acute respiratory diseases in health care WHO Interim Guidelines June 2007

- Documented increase in risk of respiratory pathogen transmission
 - Intubation, CPR
 - Bronchoscopy
 - Autopsy / surgery
- Controversial / possible increase in risk of respiratory pathogen transmission
 - Non-invasive +ve pressure ventilation and bilevel +ve airway pressure
 - High-frequency oscillating ventilation
 - Nebulization





Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Removal

Before LEAVING Negative Air Space

Note: Discard used items in red bag. STEP 1

Faceshield

Remove and discard.



Gown & Gloves STEP 4

Grasp shoulders of gown and pull forward. Roll outside of gown inward, folding contaminated outside layer away from your body.



LEAVE Negative Air Space, CLOSE Door

STEP 7

N95 Respirator STEP 6

Front of respirator is contaminated. Handle only the bands. To remove, pull lower band over the head first, then remove upper band. Discard.



STEP 2

<u>Headcover</u>

Remove and discard



Remove gloves while rolling gown off arms; roll gloves into gown. Avoid contaminating hands. Keep hands on clean side of gown. Discard gown and gloves.

Clean hands w

Clean hands with antimicrobial soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.



STEP 3

Shoe covers

Remove and discard.



STEP 5

Hand Hygiene

Clean hands with antimicrobial soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.



Note: If Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) is used, follow facility procedures for applying, removing, and processing equipment. PAPR or tight-fitting goggles should be worn for high-risk aerosol-generating procedures.





SEQUENCE FOR REMOVING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Except for respirator, remove PPE at doorway or in anteroom. Remove respirator after leaving patient room and closing door.

1. GLOVES

- Outside of gloves is contaminated!
- Grasp outside of glove with opposite gloved hand; peel off
- Hold removed glove in gloved hand
- Slide fingers of ungloved hand under remaining glove at wrist
- Peel glove off over first glove
- Discard gloves in waste container

2. GOGGLES OR FACE SHIELD

- Outside of goggles or face shield is contaminated!
- To remove, handle by head band or ear pieces
- Place in designated receptacle for reprocessing or in waste container

3. GOWN

- Gown front and sleeves are contaminated!
- Unfasten ties
- Pull away from neck and shoulders, touching inside of gown only
- Turn gown inside out
- Fold or roll into a bundle and discard

4. MASK OR RESPIRATOR

- Front of mask/respirator is contaminated DO NOT TOUCH!
- Grasp bottom, then top ties or elastics and remove
- Discard in waste container







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Con la excepción del respirador, quítese el PPE en la entrada de la puerta o en la antesala. Quítese el respirador después de salir de la habitación del paciente y de cerrar la puerta.

1. GUANTES

- ¡El exterior de los guantes está contaminado!
- Agarre la parte exterior del guante con la mano opuesta en la que todavía tiene puesto el guante y quíteselo
- Sostenga el guante que se quitó con la mano enguantada
- Deslice los dedos de la mano sin guante por debajo del otro guante que no se ha quitado todavía a la altura de la muñeca
- Quitese el guante de manera que acabe cubriendo el primer guante
- Arroje los guantes en el recipiente de deshechos

2. GAFAS PROTECTORAS O CARETA

- ¡El exterior de las gafas protectoras o de la careta está contaminado!
- Para quitárselas, tómelas por la parte de la banda de la cabeza o de las piezas de las orejas
- Colóquelas en el recipiente designado para reprocesar materiales o de materiales de deshecho

BATA

- ¡La parte delantera de la bata y las mangas están contaminadas!
- Desate los cordones
- Tocando solamente el interior de la bata, pásela por encima del cuello y de los hombros
- Voltee la bata al revés
- Dóblela o enróllela y deséchela

4. MÁSCARA O RESPIRADOR

- La parte delantera de la máscara o respirador está contaminada — ¡NO LA TOQUE!
- Primero agarre la parte de abajo, luego los cordones o banda elástica de arriba y por último quítese la máscara o respirador
- Arrójela en el recipiente de deshechos

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PERFORM HAND HYGIENE IMMEDIATELY AFTER REMOVING ALL PPE

Order for Removing PPE

- Upon leaving the room, HHS/CDC recommends that PPE be removedin a way to avoid self-contaminations, as follows:
 - Gloves
 - Faceshield or goggles
 - Gown
 - Respirator or mask

Order for Removing PPE



- Avoid contamination of self, others & the environment
- Remove the most heavily contaminated items first

Remove gloves & gown:

- peel off gown & gloves and roll inside, out
- dispose gloves and gown safely



Perform hand hygiene



- Remove cap (if worn)
- Remove goggles from behind
- Put goggles in a separate container for reprocessing



Remove respirator from behind



Perform hand hygiene

- Remove and dispose gloves & gown
- 2. Hand Hygiene
- 3. Remove and dispose cap (if worn)
- 4. Remove goggles
- 5. Remove respirator
- 6. Hand hygiene

(WHO, 2007)

Local Recommendations by CHP





Methods

Fluorescent Dye

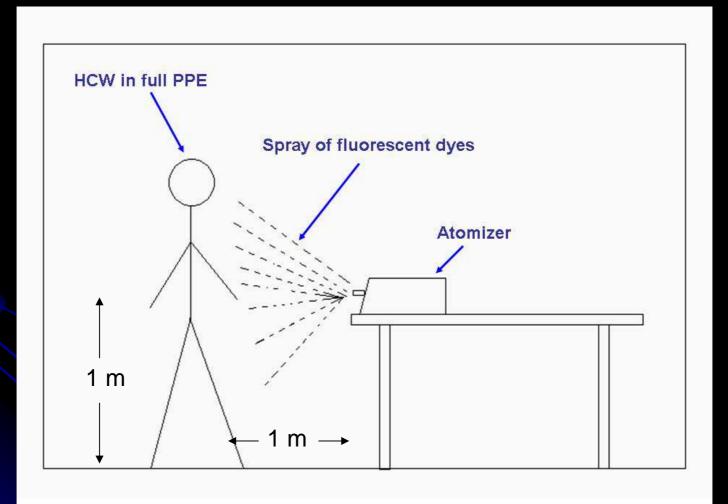


Fluorescein sodium: 113.2 mg/mL



Dilution of 10% Fluorescein sodium: 1 in 500

Fluorescent Spraying



FLUORESCENCE PHOTOGRAPHY FLUORESCING SUBJECT RADIATION. SOURCE (EMITS UV) BARRIER TILTER (ABSORBS UV, TRANSMITS VISIBLE) ÇAMERA

MeterJet™ Spray Gun





MeterJet Spray Gun Connected to a Pressure Tank

Whole Set Up

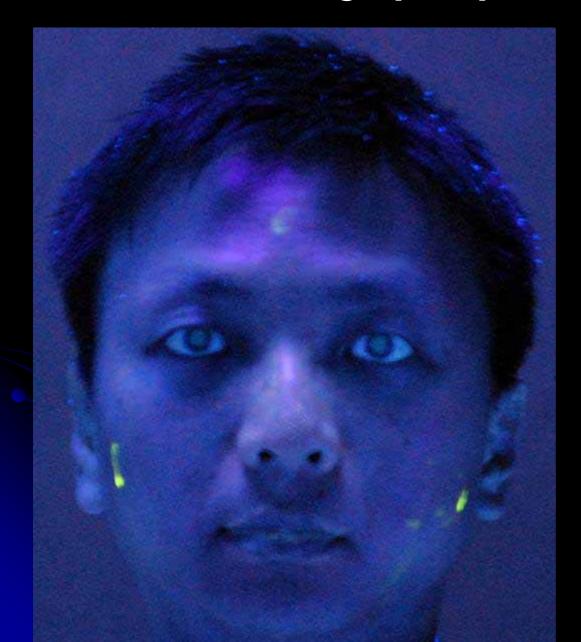




Volume: 2 mL

Pressure applied: 75 psi

Photographic parameters



Camera: Nikon D200 DSLR Lens: Nikon ED 28-70 1:2.8D

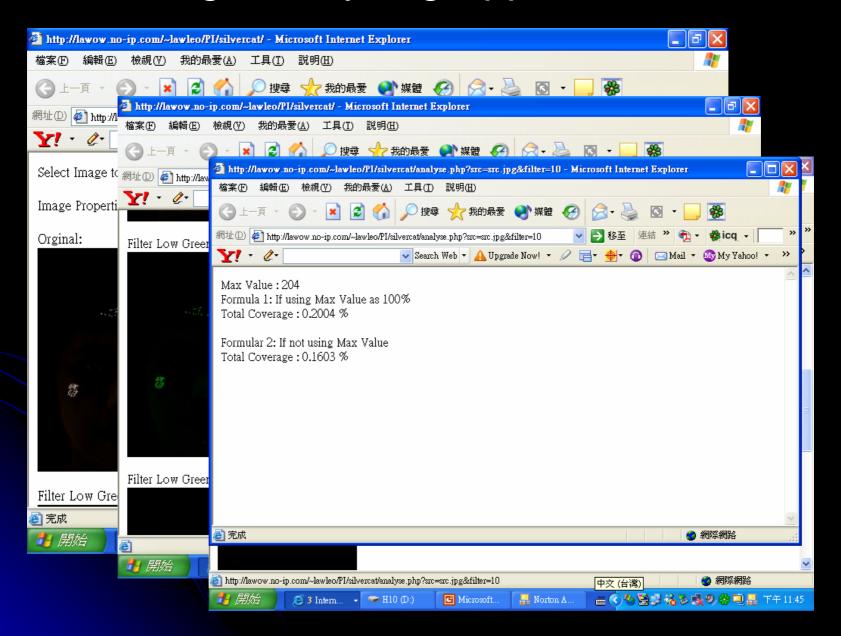
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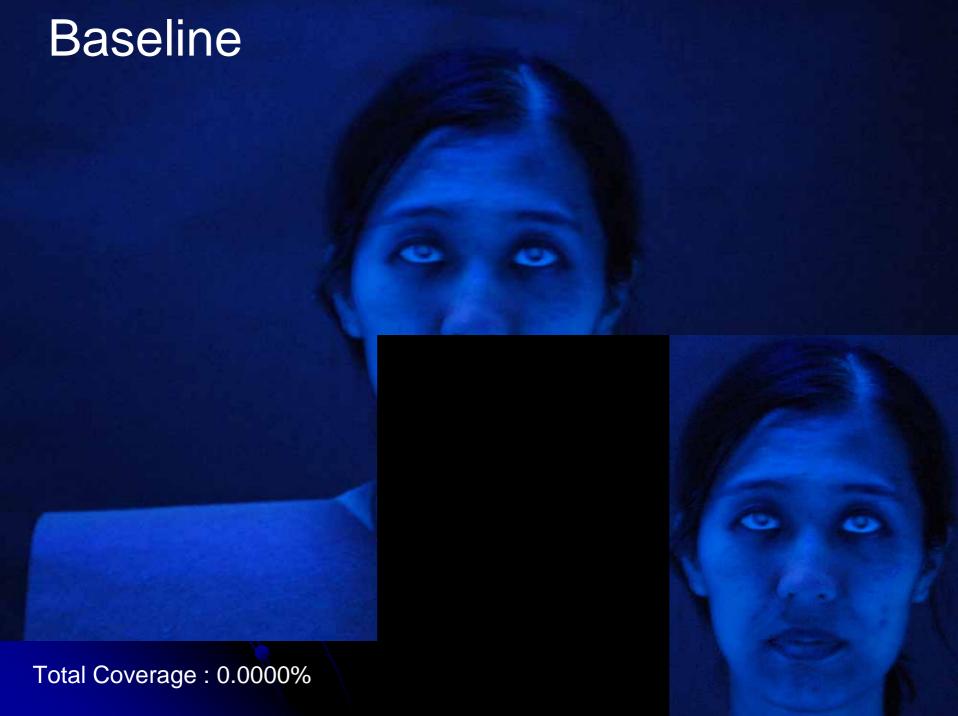
Aperture: f/2.8 ISO Value: 1600

White Balance: 6000K

UV Filter

Image Analyzing Applications





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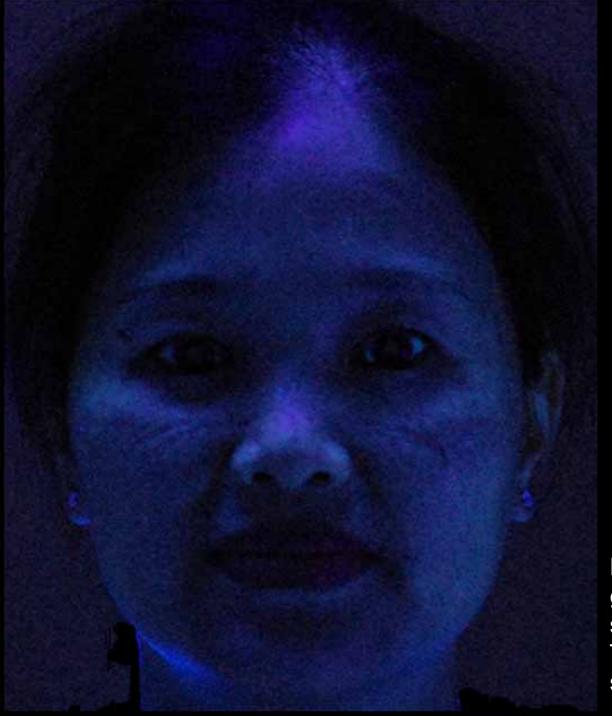
- 10 Subjects recruited assuming the effect size was 1.25 and the power was 0.746
- Fluorescent dye sprayed
- Sequence A (glove>gown>cap>face shield>goggle>respirator)
- Sequence B (face shield>goggle>cap>gown+glove>respirator)
- Remove full-gear PPE four times
 - Sequence A (nice and slowly 3 minutes)
 - Sequence A (roughly 1 minute)
 - Sequence B (nice and slowly 3 minutes)
 - Sequence B (roughly 1 minute)
- Fluorescence photos taken under UV lights



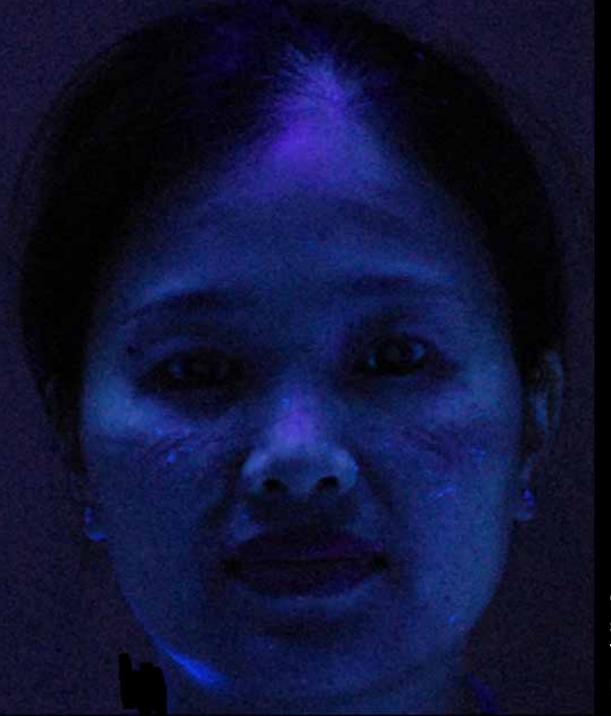
Nikon D200 DSLR Camera + Nikon ED 28-70 1:2.8D Shutter Speed: 1/60s; Aperture: f/2.8; ISO Value: 1600 White Balance: auto -3



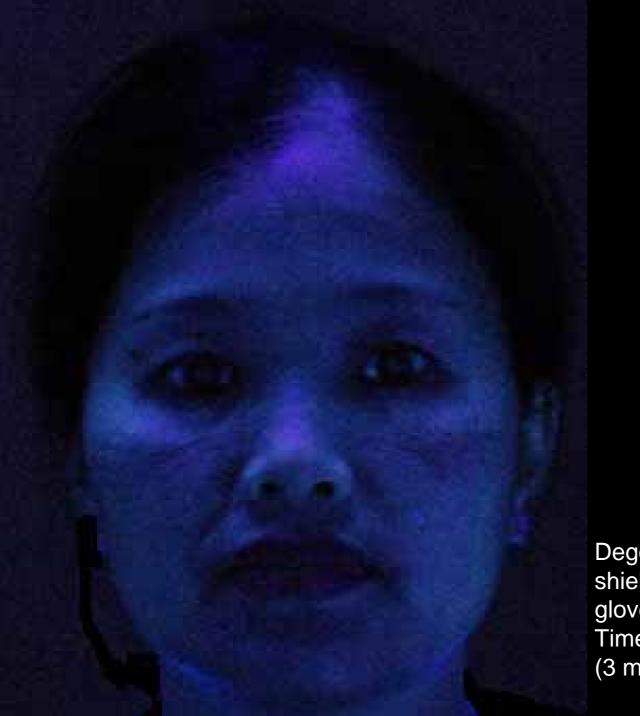
Fluorescent dyes: 3 strokes applied to head, chest and trunk from 3 feet Shutter Speed: 1.3s; Aperture: f/2.8; ISO Value: 1600 White Balance: auto -3



Degowning sequence: (A) glove>gown>cap>face shield>goggles>respirator Time consumed: Nice and slow (3 minutes)



Degowning sequence: (A) glove>gown>cap>face shield>goggles>respirator Time consumed: Roughly (1 minute)



Degowning sequence: (B) face shield>Goggles>cap>gown and gloves>respirator Time consumed: Nice and slow (3 minutes)



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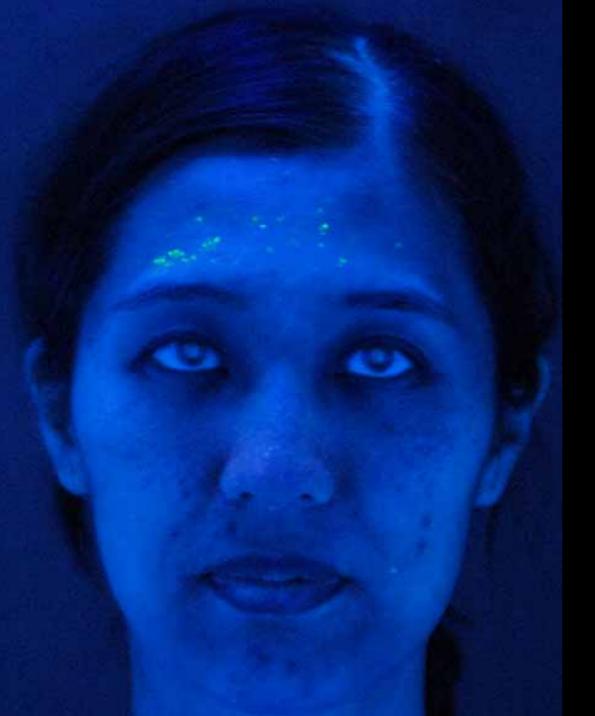


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Experimental Design

- 2x2 factorial design with repeated measures
- 2x2
 - 2 factors, each with 2 levels
- Factorial design
 - Evaluate effects of 2 independent variables in one experiment
- Repeated measures
 - Same subjects participate in all conditions of an experiment

Correlation between sequences, carelessness of PPE removal and percentage of exposures on face

Carelessness

	Slow	Roughly
Removal Sequence (A)	0.1528%	0.1612%
Removal Sequence (B)	0.1875%	0.3415%

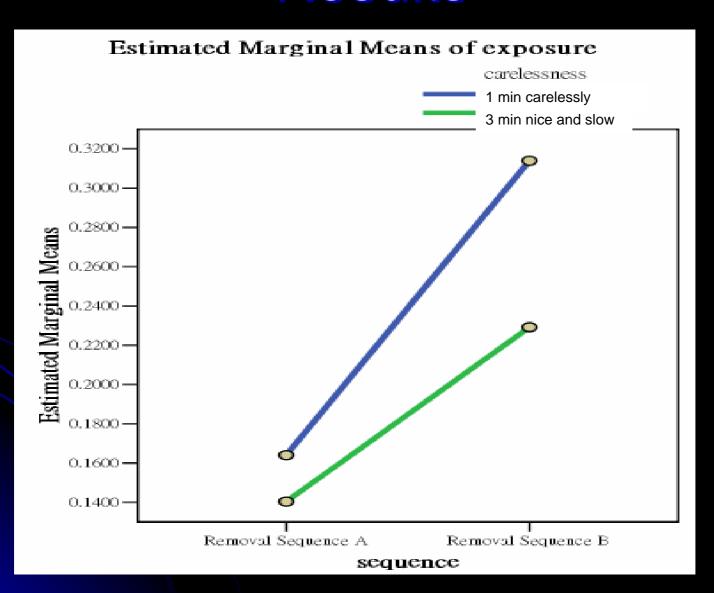
Statistical Analysis

Repeated measures ANOVA

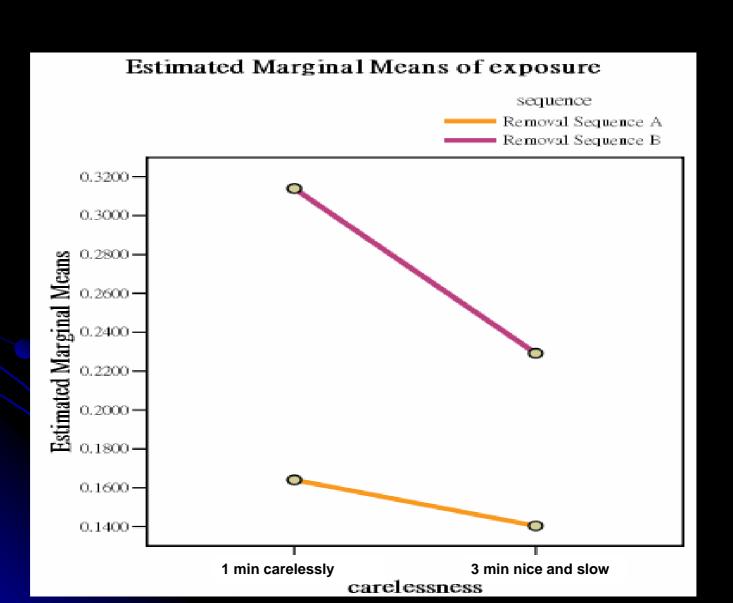
Diagnostics

- Sphericity (circularity)
 - Mauchly's test
 - Constant variances of differences between any two measurements within a subject

Results



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- Main effects
 - Sequence: p-value=0.0031*
 - Carelessness: p-value=0.0070*
- Interaction effect
 - Sequence*Carelessness: p-value=0.1168

Conclusion

- Use of gloved hands in removing face shield and goggle causes substantial contamination on face and especially on forehead.
- When the cap was put outside of both face and eye protection, less forehead contamination was noted.
- Early removal of eye protection and potential aerosolization of dyes while removing the gown
- It makes difference when removing PPE carefully.
- Removing PPE carefully in sequence A incur less self facial contamination.

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