

Nitrous Oxide Use During COVID-19 Pandemic

Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (Stratford)

During the COVID-19 pandemic HPHA is covering the Nitrous Oxide tubing with a plastic cover, then attaching the filter and the mask for use (both are disposable) (see below). The plastic sleeves are ultrasound probe covers that are used in the OR. An attempt is made however to use all other pain options first when caring for a suspect or confirmed COVID-19 patient.

Use of Nitrous Oxide:

1. Please stock every nitrous cupboard with a plastic probe cover. These covers will be available on our top up cart as general stock.
2. Before using the nitrous, apply the plastic cover.
3. Tear a small hole in order to fit the opening of the nitrous through. Ensure the plastic is not covering the opening. Use tape to hold the plastic tight on the head of the nitrous.
4. PLEASE DO NOT FIX THE TAPE TO THE ACTUAL NITROUS TUBING AS REMOVING TAPE LEAVES A STICKY RESIDUE AND MAKES IT HARD TO CLEAN. TAPE SHOULD ONLY BE APPLIED TO PLASTIC BAG.
5. When patient is discharged, Environmental Services will remove the plastic covering and wipe down all surfaces.



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