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Position Statement
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PPE guidance for CPR

The College notes that there has been some confusion over which advice to follow regarding PPE for CPR. We continue to support the Resus Council guidelines and advise members to follow these.

Patients in an ED environment represents an unknown risk as usually they have only recently arrived in the department and results of tests will not be back. This means that we must protect staff. Risk assessment is difficult as the patient is being brought through the door.

The problem here is, as is frequently demonstrated, the people who understand the risk are those working in the area not the ones in organisations who might agree to follow PHE guidance but are not directly involved in care of this sort. Staff in organisations saying that PHE guidance for CPR must be followed need to have frank discussions about the realities of working in the ED environment and agree a plan.

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