

## W.I.N.K – Bouffant Caps

Surgical head coverings are an important part of the surgical attire for personnel entering semi-restricted and restricted areas such as Operating Rooms and Procedure Rooms.

In order to maximize our supplies of personal protective equipment, Baptist Health is providing re-usable hospital laundered bouffant caps to ensure the availability for staff working in areas that require them as part of their surgical attire.

- Reusable bouffant caps are made of durable material that can be disinfected, laundered and re-used multiple times.
- The donning and doffing of these caps would follow the same process staff currently use with the disposable bouffant caps.
- To ensure availability in departments where head covering is necessary, these re-usable caps will be limited to Surgical Services and Special Procedure Departments.
- Designated areas will be identified with receptacles for collecting the reusable bouffant caps after use.
  - The caps will undergo a rigorous hospital-laundered disinfection process and then be returned along with hospital-laundered scrubs to designated clean storage areas.
- Consult with your department's Leadership to identify where these designated receptacles will be located.

To ensure safety, staff should continue to utilize the same infection control process for donning and doffing of the disposable head coverings including:

- Avoid coming in contact with potentially contaminated outer surfaces of the surgical head covering.
- Perform hand hygiene before application and after removal.
- **Do not** take them home.
- Personal head coverings are not permitted in OR/procedure areas.

**As with all surgical attire, you are responsible to inspect for integrity before donning.**

- Staff in areas that do not require surgical attire should follow their department Leadership's guidance regarding the use of personal head coverings

If you have any questions regarding the use of the re-usable bouffant caps consult with your department's Leadership, your Infection Control Practitioner or your facility's Safety Officer.

