





AAMI LEVELS: SELECTING THE RIGHT GOWN

ANSI / AAMI PB70 BARRIER PERFORMANCE	RISK OF EXPOSURE Fluid amount	RISK OF EXPOSURE Fluid spray / splash	RISK OF EXPOSURE Pressure on gown	Examples of procedures with anticipated exposure risks
Level 2 	Low	Low	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple excisional biopsies • Excision of 'lumps & bumps' • Ophthalmological procedures • Simple ear, nose, and throat (ENT) procedures • Tonsillectomies • Endoscopic gastrointestinal procedures • Simple orthopaedic procedures during which tourniquets are used • Open hernia repair • Minimally invasive surgery (MIS) • Interventional radiology or catheter laboratory
Level 3  	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastectomies • Arthroscopic orthopaedic procedures • Endoscopic urological procedures, eg transurethral prostate resections (TURP) • Open gastrointestinal and genitourinary procedures
Level 4 	High	High	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any procedure in which the surgeon's hands and arms are in a body cavity • Orthopaedic procedures during which prosthesis are used • Open cardiovascular / thoracic procedures • Trauma procedures • Cesarean sections