

Use of Clear Masks for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Patients

Deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened individuals are generally visual communicators, regardless of whether they use American Sign Language (ASL) or not.

This population has been largely impacted by the use of non-transparent masks, especially as standard masks hinder lipreading and limit the ability to observe facial expressions, a critical element of conveying emotions.

It is recommended to proactively use clear masks when interacting with Deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened individuals – the use of these clear masks may make it easier for Deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened individuals to lipread and observe facial expressions. Enhanced communication allows for positive patient outcomes and increased patient satisfaction.

It is important to note that the use of clear masks shall be one of the communication-related solutions, not the sole solution, that is offered to Deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened individuals. Other communication-related solutions are dependent on the individual's preferred communication methods and may include the use of in-person interpreters, remote interpreters, real-time captioning (CART), written communication on paper, a communication board, or a combination of these approaches.

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Item Identifier	1179813
Item Description	MASK SURG ASTM L1 WDW PAT CLR VW
Commodity Code	42131713 - Surgical isolation or surgical masks
Spend Category	Disposable Garments and Gloves (SC71710)
Purchase Item Group	Surgical and Isolation Masks
Item Status	Active
Preferred Supplier Manufacturer Part ID	Prestige Ameritech Ltd FM86010
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