1. The light on the battery charger is green when the PAPR is fully charged.

2. Unplug the PAPR from the cord connecting it to the battery charger.

3. Peel the blue protective film off of the visor on the head cover.

4. The head cover has two adjustable Velcro straps to ensure a snug fit. One adjusts to fit your forehead.

5. And one strap adjusts to fit the top of your head. It may take several readjustments the first time to get a snug fit.

6. Snap the head cover onto the PAPR breathing hose.
7. Adjust the belt to fit comfortably and snap it on.

8. Aim your forehead towards the forehead Velcro strap and pull the head cover over your head.

9. Pull the bottom of the head cover under your chin. You will adjust the fit after you have turned the PAPR on, next picture.

10. Slide the PAPR over on it’s belt and turn it on by pressing the button hard until you hear a click. The PAPR will beep four times to verify air-flow, then the head cover will inflate.
11. With the head cover inflated, adjust the drawstring under the hood and move the head cover around on your head until the fit is snug and no air is escaping near your ears. If the fit is too snug or not snug enough try readjusting the two Velcro straps inside the head cover. Remember the approximate placements of the two Velcro straps for the next time you need to wear a PAPR.

12. Perform hand hygiene. It is now safe to enter the patient room. Keep all doors closed as much as possible. Open doors interfere with the room airflow. Wear gloves and/or a gown depending on your anticipated exposure to blood and/or body fluids.

13. When you exit the patient room, remove the PAPR, turn it off, and plug it back into the battery charger. Disconnect the head cover from the breathing tube, write your name on the head cover and store it in the ante-room. Perform hand hygiene before leaving the area. Head covers can be re-used by the same employee for the same patient as long as they are clean and intact.
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Entering Isolation

1. After performing hand hygiene, put on a gown. Attach the gown at the neck and tuck the gown under the PAPR as shown.

2. Put on your gloves. Now it is safe to enter the patient’s room.

3. Remember to keep all doors closed as much as possible. Open doors interfere with the room airflow.
1. After exiting the patient room, grasp the outside of the gown and pull the neck attachment free. Ensure that the potentially contaminated outer surface of the gown and the gloves do not come in contact with your clothing or skin.

2. Carefully remove the gown and the gloves together.

3. Roll up the gown, with the inside—the clean side—on the outside with the gloves wrapped up inside. Discard these items in the regular trash. Perform hand hygiene.

Exiting Isolation
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Exiting Isolation

4. Unbuckle the PAPR from your waist and hold the belt in one hand. With your other hand grasp the visor at the bottom and pull up to remove the head cover.

5. Turn the PAPR off and un-snap the head cover from the breathing tube. For contact isolation the head cover must be either disinfected with hospital-grade disinfectant wipes or discarded in the regular trash.

6. Disinfect the outside of the PAPR with hospital-grade disinfectant wipes. Plug the PAPR back into the battery charger.

7. Perform hand hygiene before leaving the area.
Constant, intermittent “beeping” indicates a low battery—this is a 10 minute warning.

A constant, non-stop alarm means exit the area immediately and take the PAPR out of service. Obtain a functioning PAPR before re-entering the isolation room.

PAPRs and disposable head covers are obtained from Materials.

For PAPR repair, tag PAPR as “Broken - Do Not Use”, and place with equipment to be repaired.

Contact your supervisor/manager if any assistance is needed.
Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) Skills Verification Form

This is to certify that__________________________; Unique ID#___________; has 
demonstrated competency in the use and operation of the PAPR. This signed form is to 
be kept in your personnel folder in your department and updated annually.

Employee: ________________________________ Date__________
Verified by: ________________________________ Date__________

Note: Competency may be verified by your supervisor, another fully-trained employee, or an Employee Health Nurse (954-3952).