



# CLINICAL AFFILIATE QUALITY ASSURANCE

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## ***General Procedures for Working with Patients in Isolation***

***Partners in Veterinary Clinical Education***



The AVMA Council on Education includes in its inspection of Clinical Affiliates an assessment of isolation facilities. The LMU-CVM recognizes that not all veterinary practices have purpose built isolation facilities, but work to observe good isolation practices and procedures in the absence of exclusive isolation designated areas.

In an effort to assist our clinical affiliates in following adequate isolation procedures the following documents are provided.

## General Procedure for Working with Patients in Isolation

<b>Before Entering Isolation Unit</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take off or put away unwanted items (e.g. stethoscope, phone)</li> <li>2. Wash hands thoroughly</li> </ol>
<b>Entering Isolation Unit</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put on boots or boot covers</li> <li>2. Put on rubber gloves</li> <li>3. Enter Anteroom</li> </ol>
<b>Entering Anteroom</b>	<p><b>On the Clean Side</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare medications</li> <li>2. Gather supplies (syringes, needles, catheter, fluids)</li> <li>3. Place in carry tote which is kept on the dirty side</li> </ol> <p><b>To Enter Dirty Side</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put on boot covers</li> <li>2. Put on second pair of gloves</li> <li>3. Put on and tie disposable gown</li> </ol> <p><b>Remember:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gather all medications &amp; supplies before entering the restricted area</li> <li>2. Always disinfect boots/remove boot covers before moving to the clean side</li> <li>3. Always remove protective clothing before exiting the restricted area</li> </ol>
<b>Exiting Restricted Area</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dispose of consumables appropriately (Sharps, syringes, fluid equipment)</li> <li>2. Remove boot covers</li> </ol> <p><b>Step into foot bath area</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clean footwear (ensure they are not soiled or contaminated)</li> <li>2. Untie gown</li> <li>3. Remove soiled outer gloves &amp; discard, Pull hands into hands into sleeves</li> <li>4. Remove gown by peeling the gown from the shoulders and arms by pulling on the chest with hands inside sleeves.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If UNSOILED, hang gown with exterior surface facing the wall for reuse</li> <li>b. If SOILED, dispose of gown in appropriate container</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Exit foot bath area to clean side</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove inside gloves and dispose</li> <li>2. Wash or sanitize hands</li> </ol> <p><b>Exit Isolation Area</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove isolation footwear (if applicable)</li> <li>2. Wash hands again before entering main clinic area</li> </ol>

## ISOLATION AREA DIAGRAM

