

Dear PrionTex Client,

24 March 2020

URGENT ACTIONS REGARDING PRIONTEX REUSABLE OPERATING THEATRES DRAPES AND GOWNS

As a result of the 21-day lock down announced by President Ramaphosa, we are urgently working on further contingencies to manage emergencies and ensure we actively support the Covid-19 response.

Priontex and Malachite Medical will remain operational during the lock down period. We will be guided by protocols defined by government and our services will reach as far as permitted by the road networks.

For hospitals that utilise our reusable operating theatre drapes and gowns service we will assume all elective surgery will be cancelled from 27 March 2020 until the lock down is removed. The following measures will be put in place with immediate effect:

- Our staff members have been informed that PrionTex is deemed an essential service provider. As such, they are required to continue working throughout the lock down. We have established further contingency measures to be able to continue operations as far as possible. This includes exploring options for effective transport of staff to and from our production facilities.
- Our staff has been issued with PrionTex letters with their identification to ensure they can commute to and from our facilities, or to and from hospitals in the case of our delivery drivers and assistants.
- We will complete collections of theatre drapes and gowns within regular timeframes until the reduction of elective cases necessitates less frequent activity. Any adjustment will be communicated directly with the hospitals. We request that you assist in permitting access of our drivers to your facilities.
- From Monday 30 March our production facilities will focus on supplying the list of packs shown below which we regard as essential for emergencies and operations that cannot be cancelled. Please review this list and let us know if there are any other items you deem as essential for the time ahead.

As per description on hospital order sheets	Indication of type of emergency cases where pack will be used
GENERAL BASIC DRAPE PACK	Open Abdominal, Laparotomy, Appendix, Vascular, Fractures, Septic cases, Neuro, Pacemaker
MAX FACIAL DRAPE PACK	Facial fractures/dogbites/lacerations/Pacemaker
10 TOWEL PACK	Burns debride, Gynae cases (evac/shirodka), support draping
5 TOWEL PACK	Ceasars, support draping, lacerations
CVP PACK	CVP/Lines/Catheter/Spinal
CATHETER PACK	CVP/Lines/Catheter/Spinal
CARDIAC BARRIER DRAPE	Open Heart Surgery
CERVICAL SPINAL DRAPE	Emergency spinal surgery
ANGIOGRAM PACK	Angiogram
ANGIO SUPPORT	Angiogram
STANDARD PERFORMANCE GOWNS	As historically used for emergency cases
HIGH PERFORMANCE GOWNS	As historically used for emergency cases
ULTRA PERFORMANCE GOWNS	As historically used for emergency cases

- Please note that Priontex Reusable Surgical Gowns may only be used in operating theatres and should not be used elsewhere in the hospital as isolation gowns.
- As you know the unique fabrics used in our operating theatre products are sourced internationally and we have already experienced difficulties in continuing to replace stock. Please implement stringent measures to ensure the responsible handling of these products to ensure they are returned to PrionTex for cleaning and reprocessing.
- PrionTex has secured supplies of disposable PPE products, such as isolation gowns, masks and coveralls. For all enquiries specific to these products please work through your head office procurement team with whom are engaging on potential solutions
- We are in the process of manufacturing reusable isolation gowns that will be available to purchase for hospital own processing. These will be available from 06 April. Please call or mail your Priontex representatives for further details
- As per our previous communication our staff members are available on the following numbers to respond to provide clarification and respond to your queries:

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- We understand that the plan will need to integrate the different stages of the disease spread, including proactive planning for crisis and preparation for an extreme surge of Covid19 cases in certain hospitals.

We are endeavouring to help you and, together, we will work through this challenging time. Please feel free to contact our offices should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Healy'.

Tony Healy
Marketing Manager