

What's the difference between a surgical mask and a procedure mask to be used ?

A surgical mask is used inside the operating room or within other sterile procedure areas to protect the patient environment from contamination.

It also protects the clinician from contaminated fluid or debris generated during the procedure.

Surgical masks have ties so that they can be adjusted for fit, and are tied over top of a surgical cap or a bouffant cap.

A procedure mask is used for performing patient procedures, or when patients are in isolation to protect them from potential contaminants.

Procedure masks are used to protect both patients and staff from the transfer of respiratory secretions, fluids or other debris.

Procedure masks are used for generally "respiratory etiquette" to prevent clinicians, patients and visitors from spreading germs by talking, coughing, or sneezing.

Procedure masks have ear loops for quick donning, and since they do not slide on the hair, they can be worn without a surgical cap.