

Occupational Safety

As a practical matter, keep in mind that our line of work carries with it a small but definite amount of occupational risk because of exposure to our sometimes seriously ill patients. Please remember to protect yourself at all times and wear gloves, glasses, and other protection when appropriate. Be careful in the operating room, the emergency room, the clinic, and everywhere you see patients. Don't let yourself get hurt when handling needles, sutures, instruments, etc. The use of protective eye-wear whenever examining patients is strongly recommended even if you don't normally wear glasses, because of the inherent exposure to respiratory secretions that accompanies a thorough head and neck examination.