

Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist Protocol for Home Visits



Triage with telephone consultation first

Then consider video link

If home visit is required – risk assessment

- Establish the Covid status of the household – does the patient or anyone else who lives there have symptoms
 - **If no:** - standard PPE (apron, gloves and a surgical face mask) **IF** you are going to be within 2m of the symptomatic person. You can don and doff in the household anywhere so long as you are more than 2m away from the patient.
 - **If yes:** You will need the above PPE plus eye protection at your discretion (i.e. if they are coughing/droplet producing etc).
 - **If yes +** there is an Aerosol generating risk in the house: i.e. someone with symptoms in the house is on/has a CPAP/NIV device that they will have been on within 60min of your visit. You will need an FFP3 mask if they are on the device or have been on the device within 60min of your arrival.

- Ensure all staff have a 'just in case' PPE pack so they have a full set of PPE to cover them if they arrive at a house and they need PPE they didn't realise was needed via phone (i.e. the person did not disclose symptoms on the phone etc).
 - Ask yourself this question -Is there a need to a COVID suspected/positive household?

- When you make your telephone call you will want to find out where you can don and doff PPE. Generally, avoid doing it outside the house, ask about hall ways/porches etc. On leaving you will need to think about how you doff and let yourself out of the house. When you doff, it's handy to have a small black bag you can doff your kit into near the front door that someone can then add to the household waste or you can doff into their bin if its easily accessible without having to repeatedly touch lids etc.

- You will need to take a couple of clinell wipes (perhaps tied up in a glove is the best way to minimise waste and save having to carry a whole pack around) and a small hand sanitiser dispenser. Wipe the inside front door handle and use your sanitiser again on leaving the house.

- If you need to use any equipment you will need to wipe it down. Only take what you require into the house, leave the equipment/bag in the hall way and only access what you need rather than exposing the whole bag.