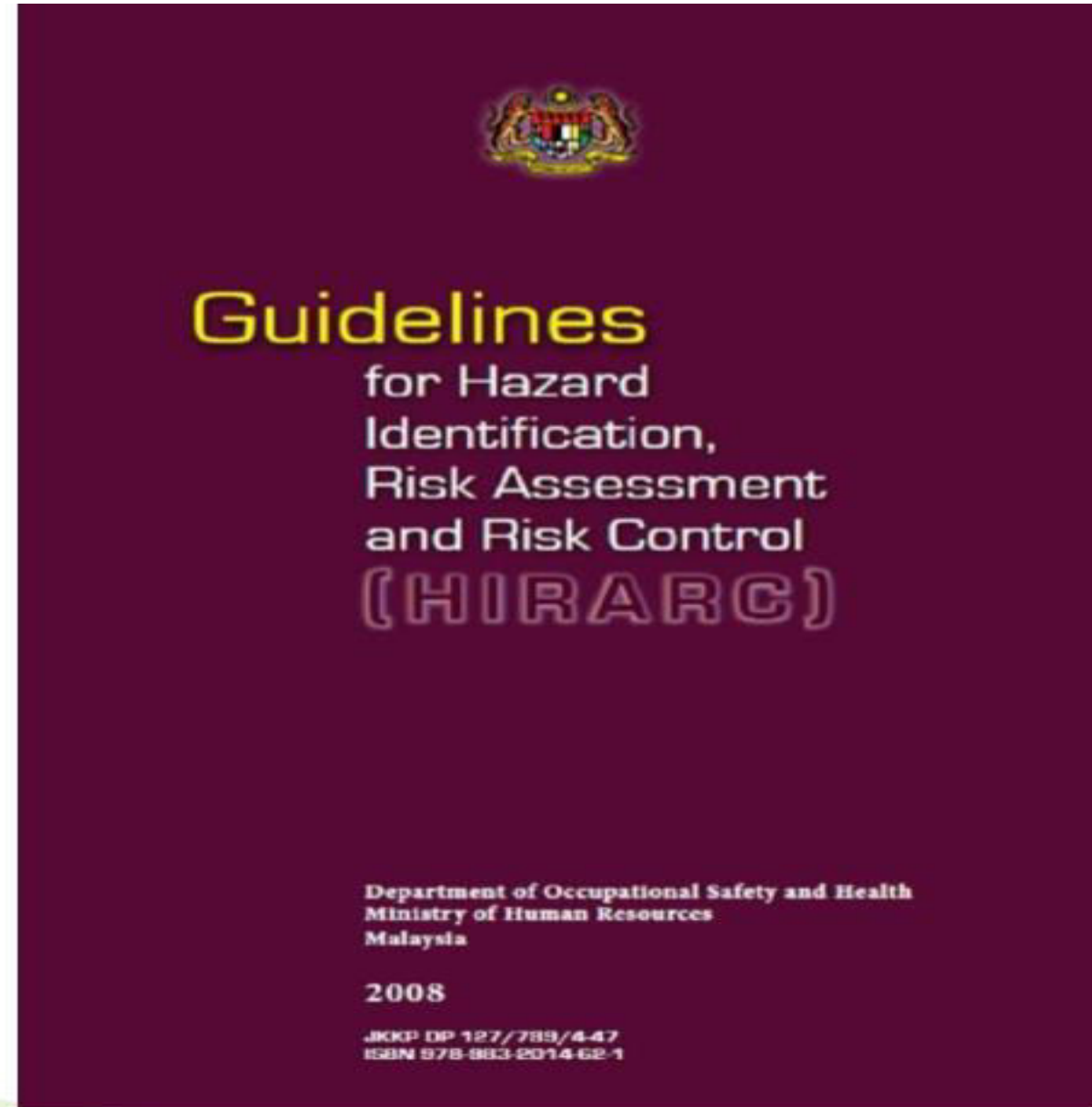


HIRARC

- ▶ Guidelines for Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Risk Control
- ▶ Published by Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) 2008.



WHAT IS HIRARC?

HAZARD
IDENTIFICATION

Identify hazard source
or situation



RISK ASSESSMENT

Estimate level of risk and
determine tolerability



RISK CONTROL

Reduce or eliminate
risk

HIRARC FLOWCHART

Classification of work activity

Hazard Identification

Risk Control / Action Plan

01

03

05



02

04

06

Review with OSHE

Risk Assessment

Implementation

Review



TYPE OF HAZARDS

PHYSICAL

Slippery floors, electric shock, sharp object, height, fire, radiation, magnetic fields, pressure, noise, etc.

CHEMICAL

Depends on the physical, chemical and toxic properties of the chemical

BIOLOGICAL

Pathogens, bacteria, viruses, insects, plants, birds, animals, and humans, etc.

ERGONOMIC

Repetitive movements, improper set up of workstation, poor design of equipment, workstation design, (postural) or workflow, manual handling, etc.

PSYCHOSOCIAL

Shift work, workload, dealing with the public, harassment, discrimination, threat of danger, constant low-level noise, stress, violence, etc.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk can be presented in variety of ways to communicate the results of analysis to make decision on risk control.

For risk analysis that uses likelihood and severity in qualitative method, presenting result in a risk matrix is a very effective way of communicating the distribution of the risk throughout a plant and area in a workplace.

Risk can be calculated using the following formula:

$$L \text{ (Likelihood)} \times S \text{ (Severity)} = \text{Relative Risk (RR)}$$



LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURANCE

This value is based on the likelihood of an event occurring. You may ask the question “How many times has this event happened in the past?” Assessing likelihood is based worker experience, analysis or measurement.



| LIKELIHOOD (L) | EXAMPLE | RATING |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Most likely | The most likely result of the hazard / event being realized | 5 |
| Possible | Has a good chance of occurring and is not unusual | 4 |
| Conceivable | Might be occur at sometime in future | 3 |
| Remote | Has not been known to occur after many years | 2 |
| Inconceivable | Is practically impossible and has never occurred | 1 |

Table A

SEVERITY OF HAZARD

Severity can be divided into five categories. Severity are based upon an increasing level of severity to an individual's health, the environment, or to property. Table B indicates severity by using the following table:

| SEVERITY (S) | EXAMPLE | RATING |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Catastrophic | Numerous fatalities, irrecoverable property damage and productivity | 5 |
| Fatal | Approximately one single fatality major property damage if hazard is realized | 4 |
| Serious | Non-fatal injury, permanent disability | 3 |
| Minor | Disabling but not permanent injury | 2 |
| Negligible | Minor abrasions, bruises, cuts, first aid type injury | 1 |

Table B

RISK MATRIX TABLE

| | Severity (S) | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Likelihood (L) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Table C

 **LOW**

 **MEDIUM**

 **HIGH**

RISK PRIORITY TABLE

| RISK | DESCRIPTION | ACTION |
|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15 - 25 | HIGH | A HIGH risk requires immediate action to control the hazard as detailed in the hierarchy of control. Actions taken must be documented on the risk assessment form including date for completion. |
| 5 - 12 | MEDIUM | A MEDIUM risk requires a planned approach to controlling the hazard and applies temporary measure if required. Actions taken must be documented on the risk assessment form including date for completion. |
| 1 - 4 | LOW | A risk identified as LOW may be considered as acceptable and further reduction may not be necessary. However, if the risk can be resolved quickly and efficiently, control measures should be implemented and recorded. |

Table D

Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment & Risk Control (HIRARC) Form

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | JC | Working in Clinic | Prepared by | Verified by | Revision | | |
| No | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | |
| 9 | | | | | Identified Control | Recommended Control Measures | PIC (Due Date / Status) |
| 10 | | | | | NIL | NIL | |
| 11 | | | | | NIL | NIL | |
| 12 | | | | | NIL | NIL | |

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SEVERITY

Catastrophic (5)
Fatal (4)

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Minor (2)
Negligible (1)

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RISK = LIKELIHOOD X SEVERITY

15 - 25 : HIGH RISK

6-12 MEDIUM

1 - 4 : LOW RISK

CONTROL

Control is the elimination or inactivation of a hazard in a manner such that the hazard does not pose a risk to workers who have to enter into an area or work on equipment in the course of scheduled work.



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Safety

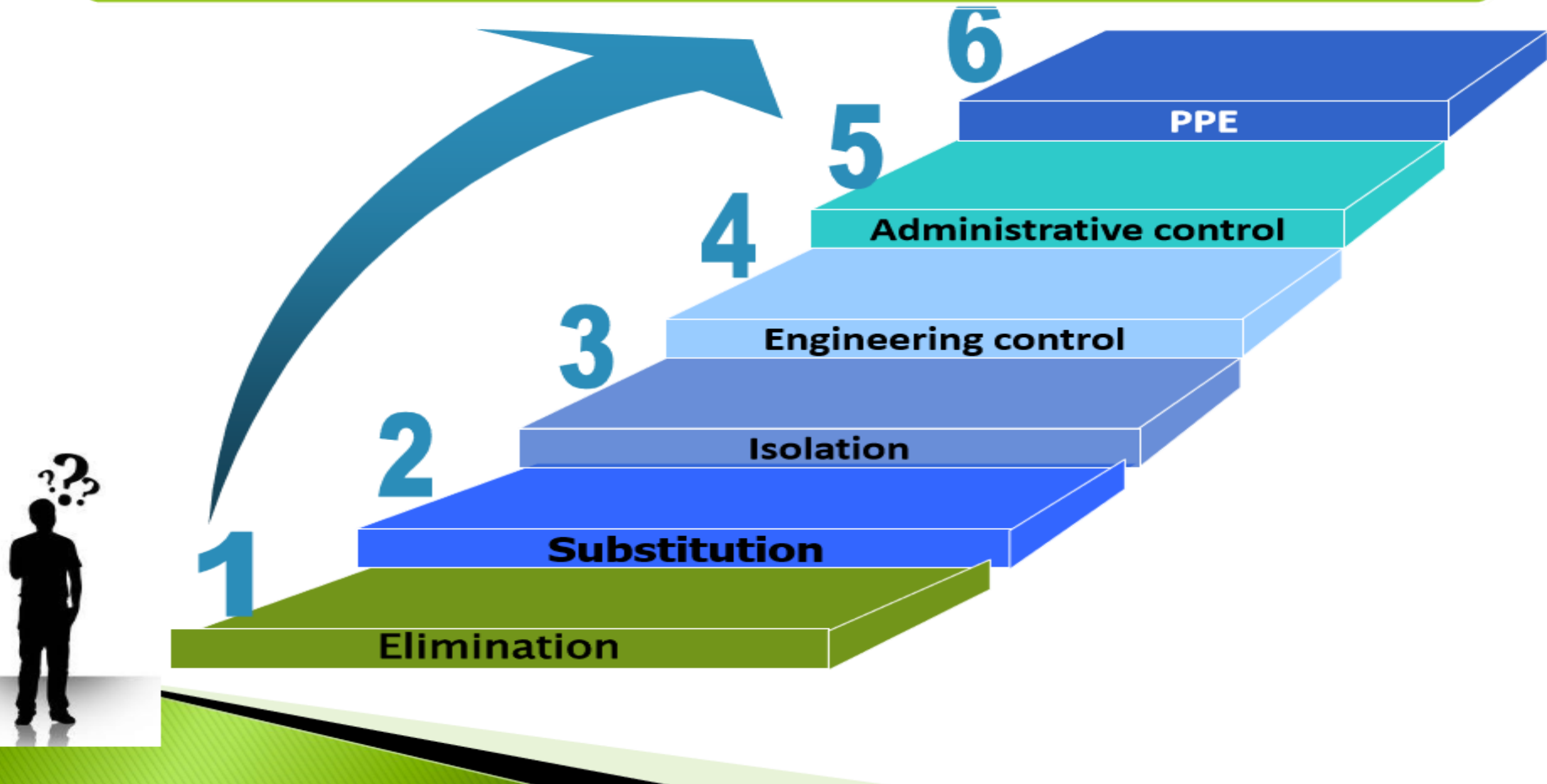
freedom from unacceptable risk of harm



Tolerable Risk

Risk that has been reduce to a level that can be accepted by the organisation having regard to its legal obligations and its own OH&S policy.

HIERARCHY OF CONTROL



HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

1. ELIMINATION

- Remove hazard from workplace
- Get rid the hazardous job, tools, process, equipment, machines or substances



HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

2. SUBSTITUTION

- Doing the same work in less hazardous way.
- Replace of substances with a less hazardous substances.



HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

3. ISOLATION

- Keep hazard away from workers
- Install guard, barrier
- Lockout system
- Safe clearance



HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

4. ENGINEERING CONTROL

- Modification
- Redesign
- Local exhaust ventilation



REDESIGN

Jobs and processes can be reworked to make them safer. For example, containers can be made easier to hold and lift.

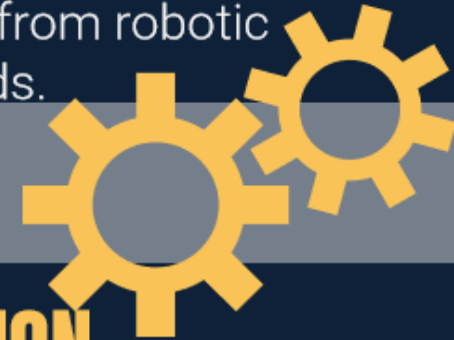
ISOLATION

If a hazard cannot be eliminated or replaced, it can some times be isolated, contained or otherwise kept away from workers. For example, an insulated and air-conditioned control room can protect operators from a toxic chemical.

AUTOMATION

Dangerous processes can be automated or mechanized. For example, computer-controlled robots can handle spot welding operations in car plants. Care must be taken to protect workers from robotic hazards.

ENGINEERING CONTROL



BARRIERS

A hazard can be blocked before it reaches workers. For example, special curtains can prevent eye injuries from welding arc radiation. Proper equipment guarding will protect workers from contacting moving parts.

ABSORPTION

Baffles can block or absorb noise. Lockout systems can isolate energy sources during repair and maintenance. Usually, the further a control keeps a hazard away from workers, the more effective it is.

DILUTION

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HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

5. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL

- Implement policies, procedures and training.
- Signages
- Supervision
- Inspection



ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL

Safe work procedures

Workers can be required to use standardized safety practices. The employer is expected to ensure that workers follow these practices. Work procedures must be periodically reviewed with workers and updated.

Supervision and training

Initial training on safe work procedures and refresher training should be offered. Appropriate supervision to assist workers in identifying possible hazards and evaluating work procedures.

Job rotations

Reduce the time that workers are exposed to a hazard. For example, workers can be rotated through jobs requiring repetitive tendon and muscle movements to prevent cumulative trauma injuries. Noisy processes can be scheduled when no one is in the workplace.

Housekeeping, repair and maintenance programs

Housekeeping includes cleaning, waste disposal and spill cleanup. Tools, equipment and machinery are less likely to cause injury if they are kept clean and well maintained.

Hygiene

Hygiene practices can reduce the risk of toxic materials being absorbed by workers or carried home to their families.

HIERARCHY OF CONTROL

6. PPE

Safety helmet, mask, safety shoe, apron, rubber mat, gloves, ear muff etc.



PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT



Personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing is used when other controls measures are not feasible and where additional protection is needed. Workers must be trained to use and maintain equipment properly. The employer and workers must understand the limitations of the personal protective equipment. The employer is expected to require workers to use their equipment whenever it is needed. Care must be taken to ensure that equipment is working properly. Otherwise, PPE may endanger a workers health by providing an illusion of protection.

PPE is acceptable only in the following situation :

According to OSHA, PPE is acceptable as a control method in the following situations:



When engineering controls are not feasible or do not completely eliminate the hazard



While engineering controls are being developed



When administrative controls and safe work practices do not provide sufficient protection



During emergencies when engineering controls may not be available or feasible for use

Hierarchy of Controls

Most Effective

- **Elimination of hazard**—remove sharps and needles and eliminate all unnecessary injections. Jet injectors may substitute for syringes and needles. Other examples include the elimination of unnecessary sharps like towel clips, and using needleless IV systems.
- **Engineering controls**—examples include needles that retract, sheathe or blunt immediately after use.
- **Administrative controls**—policies aimed to limit exposure to the hazard. Examples include allocation of resources demonstrating a commitment to health care worker safety, a needlestick prevention committee, an exposure control plan, removing all unsafe devices, and consistent training on the use of safe devices.
- **Work practice controls**—examples include no re-capping, placing sharps containers at eye-level and at arms reach, emptying sharps containers before they're full, and establishing the means for safe handling and disposing of sharps devices before beginning a procedure.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**—barriers and filters between the worker and the hazard. Examples include eye goggles, gloves, masks, and gowns.

Least Effective



Hierarchy of Infection Control Measures



Ways Doctors & HCW can reduce their COVID-19 exposure

Most effective

Remove exposure

Avoid face 2 face consultations, use tele-consultations, work from home (with no patients!)

Substitute exposure

Administer aerosolised medicine with spacers instead of nebulisers

Isolate yourself

Place physical barriers
Avoid physical exam of suspected/ known cases

Change the way you work

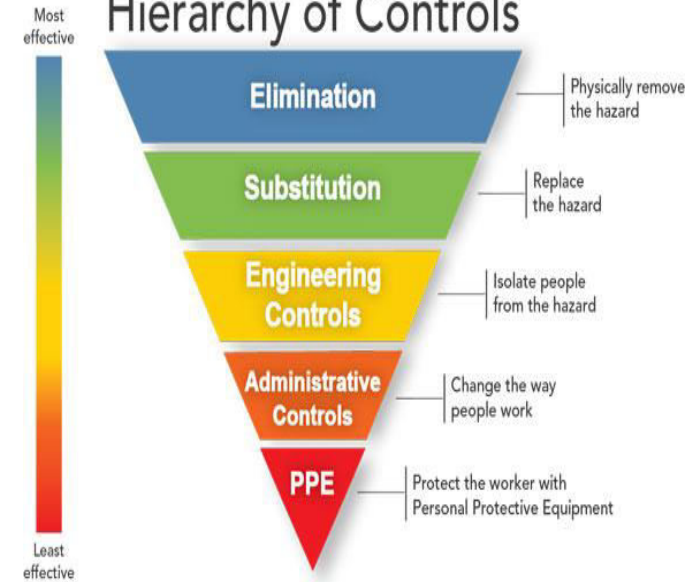
Disinfect re-use equipment inc. computers, reduce face to face time, rotate b/w exposed & non-exposed roles

Least effective

Use PPE

Gloves, masks, gowns, scrubs

Hierarchy of Controls



Source: CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hierarchy/default.html>

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK CONTROL (HIRARC) FORM

RISK CONTROL



| Type of Control | Recommended Control Measures | PIC (Due Date / Status) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
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| NIL | NIL | |
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Kesimpulan

- Pengenalpastian hazard, penilaian risiko, kawalan dan semakan semula bukanlah suatu tugas yang dibuat sekali sahaja dan dilupakan tetapi ianya suatu aktiviti yang berterusan.
- HIRARC hendaklah didokumentasikan walaupun ringkas mana sekalipun.
- HIRARC hendaklah dijalankan dengan penilaian teliti ke atas kebarangkalian dan juga kesan akibat manakala langkah kawalan yang dicadangkan hendaklah menepati hirarki kawalan

Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment & Risk Control (HIRARC) Form

Prepared by: _____
 Verified by: _____
 Revision: _____

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| No | Activities / Equipment / Facilities | RUNR* | Hazard | Consequences | Identified Risk Control | Likelihood | Severity | Risk Level | Level of Control | Recommended Control Measures | PIC (Due Date / Status) |
| 9 | Receive & treat patient | R | 9.1 a) Exposure to known & unknown bacteria, fungal & viruses | 9.1 a) Sick 9.1 b) Fatality | 9.1 a) Competency & Proper PPE to be worn | 2 | 2 | 4 (L) | NIL | NIL | |
| 10 | Clearing medical waste | R | 10 a) Contact with sharp object | 10.1 a) Sick 10.1 b) Fatality | 10.1 a) Competency & Proper PPE to be worn | 2 | 2 | 4 (L) | NIL | NIL | |
| 11 | Using X-ray machine | R | 11 a) Exposure to radioactivity and radiation | 11.1 a) Cancer 11.1 b) Fatality | 11 a) Competency & Proper PPE to be worn 11 b) Safe work distance, possible exposure limit & | 2 | 2 | 4 (L) | NIL | NIL | |
| 12 | Release Contamination / Hospital treated waste | R | 12 a) Scheduled waste | 12 a) Pollution to atmosphere, sanitary sewer, ground water, fire water, soil | 12 a) Competency & Proper PPE to be worn | 2 | 2 | 4 (L) | NIL | NIL | |

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1**HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK CONTROL (HIRARC) FORM**

JOB TITLE : Working in Clinic

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

| No | Activities / Equipment/ Faculties | R/NR * | Hazard | Consequences |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | handling patients, contaminated objects, body secretions, tissue or fluids | R | Infectious Diseases | Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) can be spread |
| 2 | Using X-ray machine | R | Exposure to radioactive and radiation | Cancer Fatality |
| 3 | Handling patients & moving objects | R | Heavy lifting and frequent bending or twisting when moving objects or patients | Back injuries |
| 4 | Dealing with angry and stressed patients and their families. | R | Health care workers are at risk from violence | Workplace violence can result in loss of sleep, fear or depression, post traumatic stress disorder |

**R-Routine, NR - Non Routine*

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK CONTROL (HIRARC) FORM

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RISK ASSESSMENT

| Current Risk Control | Likelihood | Severity | Risk Level |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Wash hands frequently (proper hand washing is the best way to prevent communicable diseases) | 3 | 3 | 9 (M) |
| Competency & Proper PPE to be worn Safe work distance, allowable exposure limit | 2 | 2 | 4 (L) |
| Use proper lifting technique | 3 | 3 | 9 (M) |
| Follow policies and intervention guidelines | 3 | 3 | 9 (M) |

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