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*The concern for health care workers PPE is only as good as the attitude of the technician. There is willful negligence to consider for rating the effectiveness. The SARS out break was a good example of poor worker attitude, PPE was disregarded and the results were fatal.*

*There exist other occupations where workers have direct contact with the public 24/7 with the same hazards in a open field environments. There is no sick leave in most construction and plumbing jobs. workers should at least know of "universal precautions"*

*The problem with infectious disease is the incubation period where one is exposed and the time before symptoms may or may not appear. Therefore, pandemics and epidemics and the severity can be reduced by PPE training.*

*It is recommended that all workers that have daily contact with the public doing route work and home services be required to have some form of PPE certificate of training for their occupations. Since there is issue of health care costs and there is no govt health care.*

*The motto "prevention better than cure" by ASSE PPE is common sense in action.*

*Peter Langes*