

applying adhesive tapes all around or wearing the lower tie band more cephalad could rectify the ill fit. Many N95 masks have adjustable tie-band sizes and need to be tightened as per patient's fitment requirement. While applying any such tapes to the mask, care should be taken to fold one edge of the tape so that it can be easily removed during doffing without creating additional risk to the HCWs.

No previous study has identified the impact of ill-fitted N95 respirators on the transmission of COVID-19. Awareness of the importance of maintaining an adequate mask seal is of pivotal importance to prevent transmission of infection to the HCWs during the present COVID-19 outbreak.

We, therefore, would advise caution in the use of these respirators by ensuring proper seal before entering patient-care areas. The use of positive and/or negative pressure seal check should be universally adopted by all wearing these respirators. We also would like to urge the manufacturers to deliberate into mask designs universally acceptable to all healthcare workers irrespective of the race, facial configuration, and gender.

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Occupational team safety in ECT practice and COVID-19



Dear Editor,

We would like to share ideas on the publication "Occupational team safety in ECT practice during the COVID-19 pandemic". Araujo and Quites noted that "We believe this is a safe and effective way to reduce the risk of contamination from COVID-19 during the ECT procedure".¹ We agree that anesthesiologists should try to mitigate COVID-19 spread during ECT procedures. However, we would like to extend the suggestions. Safety must be offered to all patients, not only to the one attending to the procedure, and there should be no left risk to the others after the procedure. Complex safety tools used during a procedure must be either easily processed or single-use. Waste management is an important topic to be discussed. It is necessary to prepare for waste disposal and destruction.

Finally, the health center administrator should try best to promote safety of workers.² During the COVID-19, the safety of both patients and healthcare workers should come first. It is necessary to plan for both preventive and corrective actions for any unexpected COVID-19-related incident. COVID-19 outbreak period is a very tough time, and good policies from a good administrator can encourage and reinforce the healthcare workers.

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