Unlike masks and gloves, gowns and aprons do not cover critical body part as far infection control is concerned. However, they do cover a much wider area of body part from torso to the back, which why they protect a body part very likely to enter at some point in contact with patient body fluid (Sneezing, blood etc). In such, gowns and aprons are essential in protecting healthcare workers and making sure infectious agents will not spread within the healthcare facility.

“Gowns or Apron”

The main difference between a gown and an apron is that a gown covers all the torso and goes all the way down to the healthcare worker wrists. On the opposite, an apron does not cover all the torso and is only half sleeved.

As a result, for maximum body skin coverage, gowns are usually more favored in hospital settings. However apron can be favored in situations where risks of body fluid spill is not high, so to provide healthcare workers more ease with movements.
“Disposable”

As with gloves and masks, disposable use is the norm to implement to make sure that no cross contamination occurs when taking off and putting on again the gowns or aprons.

Saraya is glad to introduce to healthcare workers outside Japan, its gown and apron product line up that has become a reference in Japanese hospitals. Made from high impermeability polyethylene, our collection of gowns and aprons will protect you from any fluid exposure, to make sure you and your patients remain safe. Our product line up include gowns in blue, and aprons available in blue, pink or white.


Please feel free also to contact your local representative:

POPS MEETING AT WHO HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA

On September 26th 2012 Saraya participated in the last meeting of the Private Organizations for Patient Safety (POPS), an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO). POPS is a collaborative platform designed to encourage collaboration of private sector, to improve safety and reduce HAIs through activities that ensure appropriate hand hygiene. POPS' strategic goal is to increase hand hygiene education and awareness, and improve access to resources such as soap, water and hand sanitizer throughout the world, especially in countries with limited resources.

The members of the platform and the WHO started to work on the first projects that will be launched soon to increase the hand hygiene standards in hospitals all over the world.
WHO presented their “African Partnership for Patient Safety and Hand Hygiene in Africa”

African Partnerships for Patient Safety (APPS) is a WHO program which is leveraging hand hygiene improvement as an entry point for action on the prevention of health care-associated infection, patient safety and ultimately population health. This builds on the work of its sister program, the First Global Patient Safety Challenge.

During the last 3 years, 14 countries in the WHO region of Africa have worked in partnership with European hospitals to improve patient safety in Africa, using the APPS Approach. Many participating hospitals in Africa lack basic infrastructures to support hand hygiene at the point of care, reflecting wider constraints across the region.

To address the immediate need for action to improve hand hygiene and prevent infection the demand for alternative technologies has grown, centered at present on establishing a procurement and distribution network of affordable ABHR. This is a core indicator of the program. In the absence of affordable, high quality and reliable supplies of commercially produced ABHR, 6 of the 14 countries are producing ABHR locally using the WHO formula. The APPS program is supporting local production, through training and coaching and some financial support for raw materials. The program is concerned that this is not a long-term solution to the growing demand for ABHR. In parallel APPS has co-developed a resource outlining an approach to Public Private Partnerships and Alcohol Based Hand Rub Procurement to assist hospitals to act now to address the current safety gaps.

SARAYA is very pleased with this program as we also see the importance of supporting African countries in increasing their hand hygiene standards.

SARAYA EAST AFRICA has been founded in Uganda and in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) the first project has been started to develop sustainable solutions to improve hand hygiene. This includes a continuous education, the continuous supply of Hand Hygiene products, guiding hospitals to do self-assessment using a framework provided by WHO and guiding them to conduct monitoring on compliance with 5 Moments by themselves.