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Type IIR face masks EN14683 are medical face masks made up of a 4-ply construction that prevents large particles from reaching the patient or working surfaces. Type IIR Face masks include a splash resistant layer to protect against blood and other bodily fluids. Type IIR face masks are tested in the direction of exhalation (inside to outside) and take into account the efficiency of bacterial filtration.

Characteristics of Type IIR face masks include:

- Pleat style with ear loops or ties
- Protective four-layer construction
- Available in a variety of colours and styles
- Splash resistant layer against bodily fluids.

Type IIR masks are for use in protecting others from the wearer transmitting infection.

It is recommended that osteopaths and chiropractors wear IIR fluid resistant surgical masks when delivering direct care within 2 metres; it is not necessary to wear a FFP2 or FFP3 mask.

FFP2 & FFP3 Face Masks are European classes of respirators, tested on the direction of inspiration (outside to inside) and consider leakage to the face and filtration efficiency. Respirators in Europe must meet European standard EN 149: 2001+A1:2009

There have been no changes to EN numbers following Brexit. This may change in the future.