



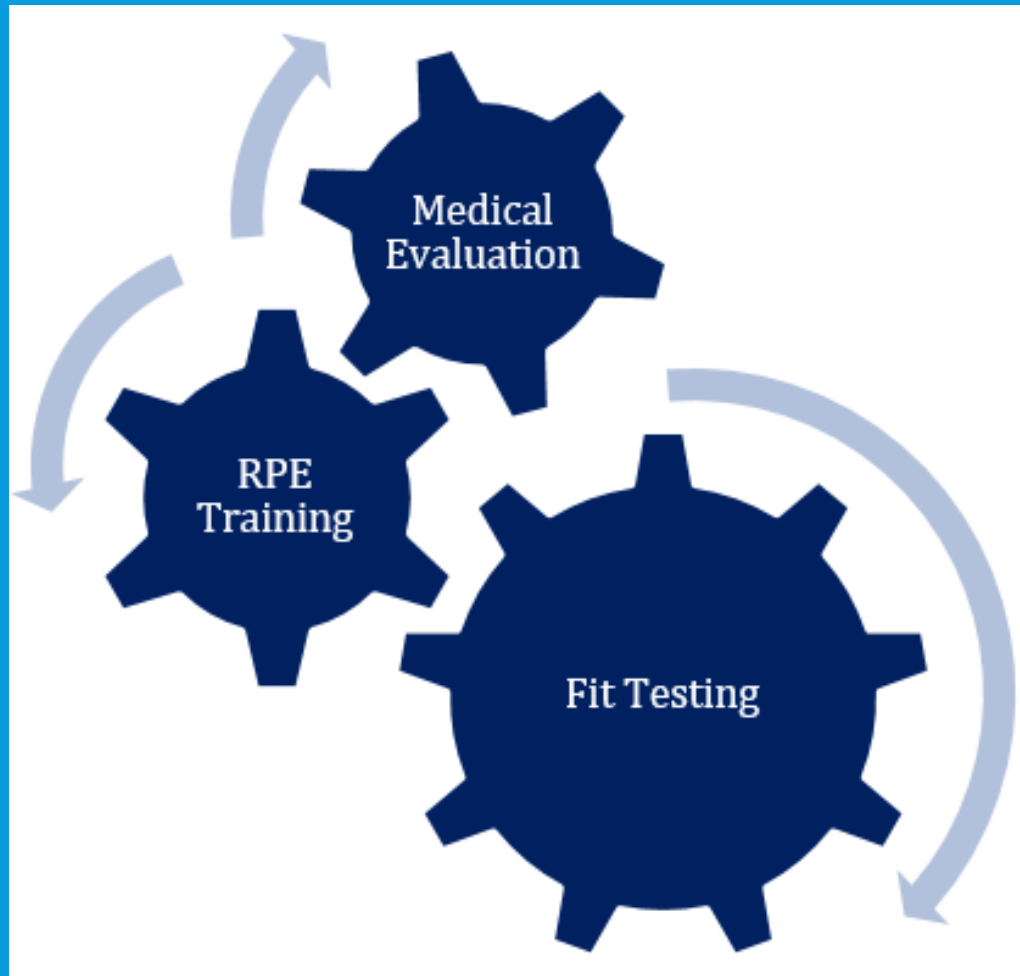
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM



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Overview

- Physical health, safety and overall wellbeing of our workforce
- Program applies to all employees who may be exposed to respiratory hazards due to the nature of their work
- Meets Victorian Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) Guidelines , Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004 & Regulations 2017, Australian and International Standards
- Describes the Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) that is to be used as well as its suitability for protection during different tasks and in different locations
- Provides fit testing to identified employees

PROGRAM GOVERNANCE

- Employees
- Managers
- Program Directors
- Chief Executive
- Respiratory Protection Program Administrator



RPE FIT TESTING

- Fit testing is a validated method of matching RPE to an individual's facial shape
- Fit testing ensures that available RPE provides an adequate facial seal, preventing the leakage of contaminants into an employee's respiratory system
- Two methods of facial fit test – qualitative and quantitative
- Employee fit tests at Monash Health will be completed using the Quantitative Fit-Test (QNFT) Modified Ambient Aerosol Condensation Nuclei-Counting (CNC)

PORTACOUNT 8048



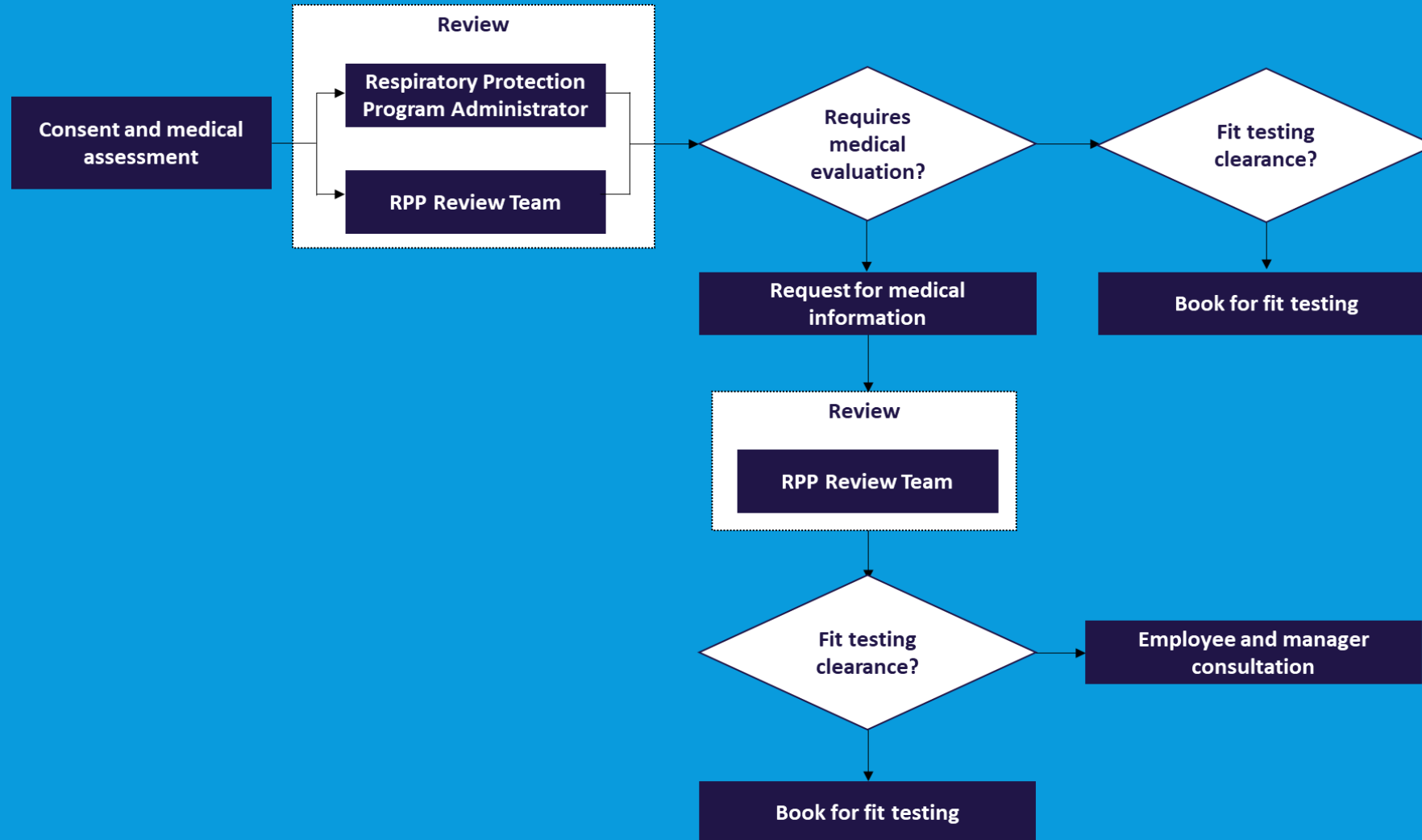
PRIORITISATION OF FIT TESTING

- Fit testing will be rolled out to high priority groups first
- High priority groups will include evidenced based at-risk of respiratory hazards in the workplace
- Schedule released closer to the rollout commencing

FIT CHECKING

- Fit checking must always be completed
- Where RPE is required, no clinical activity should be undertaken until a satisfactory fit check has been achieved
- Employees using RPE must perform fit checks every time apply close-fitting respiratory protection to ensure a facial seal is achieved

RPE TRAINING & FIT TESTING



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Managers

- Ensure employees follow the RPP & other relevant policies and procedures
- Identify & evaluate potential respiratory hazards or tasks in which RPE may be required with employees & RPPA
- Ensure that employees who are required to wear close fitting RPE provide fit testing consent and participate in the program as directed
- Make the RPE Assignment Matrix available to all employees & easily accessible
- Ensure used RPE is disposed of in an appropriate manner
- Work in collaboration with People & Culture Business Partners & the RPPA to provide support & arrange solutions for employees pending the outcome of medical clearance &/or fit testing

TIMELINE

November 2020:

- PortaCount machines to arrive

Late November – December 2020:

- Commence testing priority health care workers
- Recruitment of fit testing operators and training

IMPLEMENTATION TO DATE

- RPPA appointed and has commenced
- Machines ordered (15) , due end of November
- Recruitment for Fit test operators commenced
- Testing rooms located – some capital expenditure required
- Risk register for all respiratory hazards – due for completion by 15th November
- RPP implementation risks identified and mitigations in place
- Systems specs completed and development commenced including; consents, medical information, booking system, results
- Priority cohorts for fit testing identified
- Occupational Hygienist have been engaged to develop and provide training for the fit test operators

THANK YOU

Questions ?

<https://coronavirus.monashhealth.org/latest-news/2020/10/27/monash-health-respiratory-protection-program/>

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