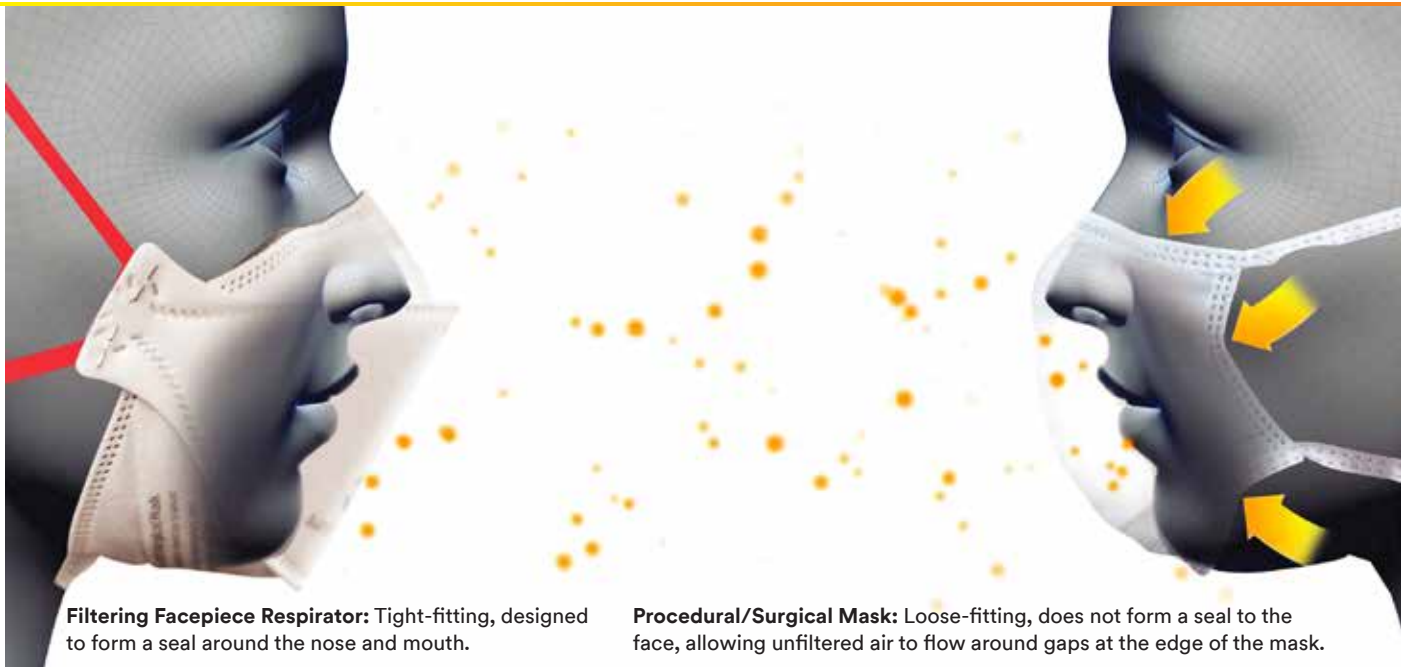


The science behind respiratory protection.

Masks versus filtering facepiece respirators: understand the difference.

Masks and filtering facepiece respirators are very different in fit, intended use, testing and approval. Procedural and surgical masks are not designed to help reduce the wearer's exposure to airborne hazards. It is important to understand the differences because your safety is essential in order to deliver care to patients.



	3M Surgical Respirator	3M Standard Respirator	Surgical Mask
Fit	Tight, designed to form a seal around the nose and mouth	Tight, designed to form a seal around the nose and mouth	Loose, does not form a seal to the face, allowing unfiltered air to flow around gaps at mask edge
Fit testing required	✓ (as per national guidance)	✓ (as per national guidance)	
Respiratory protection. Helps reduce particles inhaled by the wearer	✓	✓	
Helps reduce particles expelled by the wearer	✓	✓	✓
Splash resistant	✓		✓
Approvals	EN149:2001+A1:2009, EN14683:2019 Type IIR, European Regulation (EU) 2016/425 (PPE), European Regulation (EU) 2017/745 (Medical Device)	EN149:2001+A1:2009, European Regulation (EU) 2016/425 (PPE)	EN14683:2019, European Regulation (EU) 2017/745 (Medical Device)