Personal Protection Equipment
For ALL ENT examinations & AGPs:
- Surgical Gown
- Respirator (FFP3 or equivalent)
- Eye protection
- Gloves
- Hat

Concerned about airway compromise or sepsis?
- Yes
  - High flow O2
  - Adrenaline nebs (1-5mg of 1:1000)
  - Consider Heliox
  - 6.6mg IV Dexamethasone STAT (care if suspected COVID-19)
  - IV antibiotics (sepsis guidelines)
  - Consider Resus Room Transfer
  - Contact Senior Anaesthetist
  - Contact ENT on-call
- No
  - Treat with history alone when possible
  - Reserve oral examination only for severe cases
  - History suspicious of Quinsy?
- Yes
  - Refer to ENT
  - Try to avoid oral exam, consider:
    - Drainage if severe
    - Betadine gargles beforehand
- No
  - Can the patient swallow fluids and medication?
    - Yes
      - Observe for 3-4 hours
        - Yes
          - Can the patient swallow fluids and medication?
            - No
              - Admit under ENT
                - IV Antibiotics (as per local guidelines)
                - IV Analgesia
                - If suspected Quinsy and not already drained, consider if clinical deterioration
              - No
                - Discharge
                  - Oral Antibiotics (as per local guidelines)
                  - Oral Analgesia
                  - Consider:
                    - Short course of steroids (care if suspected COVID-19)
                    - PPI cover
                  - If Quinsy not drained or unilateral symptoms:
                    book ENT Rapid Access Clinic (RAC) telephone appointment in 24 hours
          - No
            - Discharge
              - Oral Antibiotics (as per local guidelines)
              - Oral Analgesia
              - Consider:
                - Short course of steroids (care if suspected COVID-19)
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    - No
      - Can the patient swallow fluids and medication?
        - Yes
          - Observe for 3-4 hours
        - No
          - Discharge
            - Oral Antibiotics (as per local guidelines)
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