How to extend the use of a procedural mask

Use a procedural mask with multiple patients

- Remove gown and gloves before leaving the room
- Perform hand hygiene
- Exit the room, keep mask and face shield on
- Put on new gown and gloves
- Enter the next room

Conserve masks if you can, discard them when needed

- Keep your mask in place on your face. Don’t take it off or wear it around your neck.
- Avoid touching the outer surface of the mask with your hands or other surfaces. Use the ear loops.
- Immediately wash your hands if you touch the mask.

- Use a face shield to help protect your mask.
- Discard mask:
  - when soiled, wet, or damaged
  - if hard to breathe through
  - when exiting a non-respiratory isolation room (like C. diff)
  - at the end of the day