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**Abstract:** Establishes minimum barrier performance requirements, a classification system, and associated labeling requirements for protective apparel, surgical drapes, and drape accessories intended for use in health care facilities.

**Keywords:** acceptable quality level (AQL), Bacteriophage, barrier properties, Binding, blood-borne pathogen, body fluid, body fluid simulant, critical zone, critical zone component, decontamination garment, decontamination gown, Fenestration, full coverage gown, Gown, Hem, Hood, isolation gown, Laminate, laundry processes, Manufacturer, non-protective back gown, open back gown, other potentially infectious materials (OPIM), Ply, point of attachment, procedure gown, protective apparel, reinforced area, rejectable quality level (RQL), Seam, service life, simulated product, Sterile, sterile field, Sterilization, strike-through, surgical drape, surgical gown, surgical gown–E, surrogate microbe, synthetic blood, Toga, viral penetration, viscosity