THINK BEFORE YOU GLOVE!

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GLOVE

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4 SIMPLE STEPS TO GLOVE USE

The inappropriate use of medical gloves can cause unnecessary costs, undue worry amongst patients and the public, lead to skin problems, impact on the environment and is a waste of valuable resources. Use this guide to select the most cost effective, suitable glove for your procedure.

01 RISK ASSESS & DECIDE
Risk assess the task to be undertaken using this Think Before You Glove! guide.

02 SELECT
Select the correct glove product.

03 USE
Use as a single use item and dispose of as clinical waste after each task / procedure / episode of care.

04 DECONTAMINATION & HAND HYGIENE
- Gloves do not replace good hand washing.
- Always wash your hands after removing your gloves.
- Apply aqueous based hand creams only.

Infection Prevention & Control
Always adhere to local Infection Prevention and Control guidelines.

To assist in the busy hospital environment, Premier® and Healthgard™ Medical Examination gloves have a unique, but simple, product information key that presents all the information in a clear, concise and consistent way.

Gloves are produced from many different materials, each with specific properties for specific applications. Following a full and informed risk assessment, the correct glove choice can be made. The flowchart below can be used to assist in a risk assessment.

START

Is there a potential for contact with body fluids?

YES → Is there a sterile surgical procedure involved?

YES → LATEX GLOVE OR NITRILE GLOVE — STERILE EXAMINATION GLOVE

- All aseptic procedures with potential exposure to blood /blood stained body fluids / vaginal secretions
- Other areas

STERILE SURGICAL GLOVE

- Theatres
- All Surgery
- Central line insertion
- Lumbar puncture
- Epidural

LATEX FREE?
Use Nitrile equivalent gloves if patient/glove wearer is latex sensitive, or Trust has Latex Free policy.

NO → RISK ASSESS THE TASK

Is there anticipated;
- Contact with blood/ body fluids
- Direct contact with Patient or patient's environment when infected e.g. with MRSA, MRAB, diarrhoea and/or vomiting

YES → LATEX GLOVE OR NITRILE GLOVE — EXAMINATION GLOVE

- Procedures/tasks with potential exposure to blood/blood stained body fluids
- Procedures involving sharps
- Handling cytotoxic materials and disinfectants
- Handling aldehydes (nitrile/polychloroprene)
- Tasks which may pull, twist or stretch the glove

Tasks including;
- Cannulation
- Venepuncture
- Removal of cannula
- Removal of dressings
- Exposure to sharps
- Handling of cytotoxic materials/chemicals

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NO → Non-aseptic procedures/ tasks which are short and non-manipulative
- Tasks with a low risk of blood or bodily fluid contamination
- Cleaning with detergent/ disinfectant
- Tasks which will not pull or twist the glove

Tasks including;
- Emptying catheters
- Collecting samples e.g. MSU, stool specimen
- Preparing IV antibiotics
- Short non-manipulative procedures with low risk of blood/body fluid contamination

VINYL GLOVE — EXAMINATION GLOVE

STERILE	NON-STERILE
• Aseptic procedures where contact with urine, faeces or body fluids with no visible blood and/ or mucous membranes is expected	• Short procedures where contact with urine, faeces or body fluids with no visible blood and/or membranes is expected

NO → PPE GLOVES
- Household gloves for domestic procedures for cleaning tasks involving chemicals
- For pharmaceutical or chemical contact, use either;
  - EN374 certified Nitrile glove
  - EN374 certified Latex glove

NO → NO NEED TO WEAR GLOVES

No need to wear gloves when for example:
- Routine bed making
- Bed bathing patients
- General detergent and water cleaning
- Handling notes
- Driving an ambulance
- Wheeling a patient to the ambulance
- Handling bagged specimens
- Picking up dirty sterile supply boxes
- Wheeling patients to theatre / X-ray

(Hands must be decontaminated after each of these tasks)

This flyer contains information on Medical & PPE Gloves.

To view our full range of Gloves visit 365healthcare.com or scan the QR code

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