GLOVE SELECTION GUIDE

Gloves are available in a selection of materials, each with specific properties for specific applications. The correct glove choice can be made if a full and informed risk assessment is carried out.



No need to wear gloves when for example:

- Wheeling patients to theatre /
- Wheeling a patient to the
- Driving an ambulance
- Picking up dirty sterile supply boxes

- Handling notes

after each of these tasks

Could there be contact with bodily fluids?



Is there an aseptic procedure involved?



Is there likely to be contact with bodily fluids?



Gloves are not necessary unless skin is broken (eczema, dermatitis)



- ambulance
- Handling bagged specimens
- Routine bed making
- Bed bathing patients

Hands must be decontaminated





assessment

- Household gloves for domestic procedures
- · Latex or Nitrile for pharmaceutical or chemical contact

Surgical Glove

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

Sterile Examination Glove

- Other areas
- All aseptic procedures with potential exposure to blood, blood stained body fluids.
- Wound care
- Urinary catheterisation

Nitrile, Vinyl or Latex Examination Glove

- Non aseptic procedures with a high risk of exposure to blood or blood stained body fluids
- Procedures involving sharps e.g.
- Venous access
- IV drug
- Tasks where manipulation is involved

IMPORTANT

- Gloves do not replace good hand washing
- Always wash your hands after removing your gloves
- Apply aqueous based hand creams only
- Always adhere to infection control guidelines



INFECTION PREVENTION

Good infection prevention is central to medical practice. To achieve higher standards of clinical practice, especially when thinking about how to reduce the risk of cross-infection, it is necessary to comply with your local infection control policy. Safe practice should be uppermost in the minds of healthcare professionals when caring for patients.

ALERGIES

- Natural Rubber Latex can cause allergic reactions in some individuals, including anaphylactic responses.
- Certain chemicals contained in Latex and Nitrile gloves: ZDBC and ZDEC can cause type IV skin irritation and contact dermatitis.



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