THINK BEFORE YOU GLOVE!

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GLOVE

4 SIMPLE STEPS TO GLOVE USE 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.

NITRILE GLOVE

Is there a potential Is there a sterile **START** YES for contact with surgical procedure NO body fluids? involved? NO YES Is protection needed from any chemicals? E.g. for

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, MŘAB, diarrhoea and/or vomiting

YES

OR

· Short non-manipulative procedures with low risk of blood/body fluid contamination

healthcare in hand

Non-aseptic procedures/

non-manipulative

twist the glove

Tasks including;

· Emptying catheters

Collecting samples e.g.

MSU, stool specimen

· Preparing IV antibiotics

tasks which are short and

Tasks with a low risk of blood

or bodily fluid contamination

Cleaning with detergent/

· Tasks which will not pull or

select the most cost effective, suitable glove for your procedure.

cause unnecessary costs, undue worry amongst patients and the public, lead to skin

The inappropriate use of medical gloves can

problems, impact on the environment and is a

waste of valuable resources. Use this guide to

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

SELECT

Select the correct glove product.

USE 03

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

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.



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NO NEED TO WEAR GLOVES

NO

Pharmaceutical/chemical contact

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)

PPE GLOVES

YES

- 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

LATEX 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.

EXAMINATION GLOVE

 Procedures/tasks with potential exposure to blood/blood stained body fluids

LATEX GLOVE

- Procedures involving sharps
- Handling cytotoxic materials and disinfectants
- Handling aldehydes (nitrile/polychloroprene)
- · Tasks which may pull, twist or stretch the glove

Tasks including;

NITRILE GLOVE

NO

- Cannulation
- Venepuncture
- · Removal of cannula
- · Removal of dressings
- Exposure to sharps
- Handling of cytotoxic materials/chemicals

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VINYL GLOVE

EXAMINATION GLOVE

Aseptic procedures where contact with urine. faeces or body fluids with no visible blood and/ or mucous membranes is

expected

STERILE

Short procedures where contact with urine. faeces or body fluids with no visible blood and/or membranes is expected

NON-STERILE

This flyer contains information on Medical and PPE Gloves

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