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in critical care



You don't need to wear gloves when preparing most IV drugs

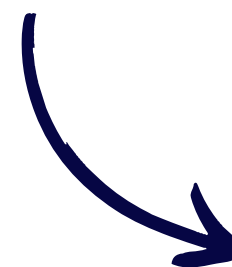


>100 disposable gloves used per patient every day in ICU.¹

Be glove aware and only wear them when you need to.

You don't need to wear gloves for IV drug preparation unless you're preparing cytotoxic drugs or monoclonal antibodies.

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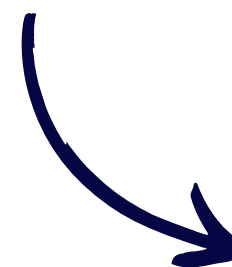
**You don't need to wear gloves
when using the bedside computer**

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You don't need to wear gloves for routine patient examinations

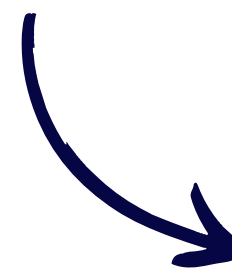


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**Before you reach for gloves
stop and ask 'Am I at risk?'**

The risks requiring you to wear gloves at work are:

- 1** If direct contact with blood, bodily fluids, mucous membranes or non-intact skin is likely
- 2** If contact with chemical hazards is likely
- 3** If caring for a patient requiring specific transmission-based precautions (check your local policy)*

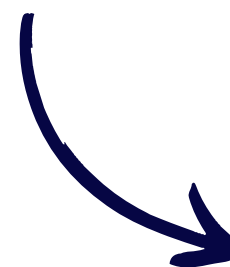
Unnecessary glove use contributes to environmental damage and skin damage, and it disrupts good hand hygiene practice.

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