

# When should I wear gloves?

The risks to staff in the workplace that require you wear gloves are:

1. If 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 under isolation precautions

**!** Remember to clean your hands before and after contact with your patient or their environment, before a clean procedure, and after contact with bodily fluids

With gloves



Applying antibiotic cream



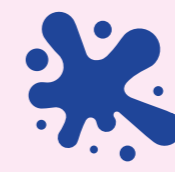
Administering eye drops



Cleaning a bed space using chlor-clean



Performing mouth care



Cleaning up a blood spillage



Caring for a patient under isolation precautions



Changing the effluent bag on RRT



Taking a blood sample



Changing a needle free connector



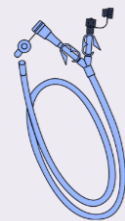
Cleaning a patient's genital area



Removing a patient's central line



Examining or dressing a wound



Inserting a nasogastric tube



Inserting an IV cannula



Emptying a urinary catheter bag



During resuscitation



Giving an infliximab injection



Preparing cytotoxic medicines



Performing endotracheal intubation



Aspirating a nasogastric tube



Listening to a chest



Handling lansoprazole



Typing notes



Changing unsoiled sheets



Preparing an antibiotic injection



Giving an enoxaparin injection



Sliding a patient up the bed



Assisting a patient to mobilise



Feeding a patient



Pushing a patient on a bed to CT



Giving cyclizine into a central line port



Taking a blood gas to the machine



Assisting with hair care



Changing the replacement fluid on RRT



Taking a blood gas to the machine



Changing a clean line dressing



Performing closed circuit suction



Non-invasive monitoring e.g. BP



Changing a bag of Hartmann's solution



Lifting a patient forward for an x-ray



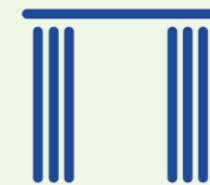
Assisting a patient to drink



Holding a patient's hand



Preparing equipment for intubation



Drawing the curtains