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

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.

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

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

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When there is no risk of exposure to blood, body fluids, or hazardous substances, you don’t need to wear gloves.

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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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