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# Glove Use – Practice Scenarios

## Best Practice Recommendations

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# Outline

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- Review some of the key points of glove use
- The following scenarios were developed to address common myths about glove use

# Glove do's

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## Do:

- Perform hand hygiene before accessing gloves
- Select proper fit and type of glove
- Change gloves:
  - Between clients
  - Between procedures on the same client
  - After completing tasks prior to touching the environment
  - Before leaving client environment unless handling grossly contaminated equipment
  - When holes or tears are noticed
- Discard disposable gloves after use

# Glove don't's

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## Don't:

- Use gloves to access clean supplies
- Touch common items with dirty gloves (i.e., phones, computers, light switches, client charts/files)
- Use alcohol-based hand rubs while wearing gloves
- Reuse or wash single-use gloves
- Wear artificial nails or long fingernails or jewellery that may snag, tear or puncture gloves
- Use gloves as a substitute for hand hygiene

# Test your knowledge



Should this healthcare worker be wearing gloves to access clean supplies?

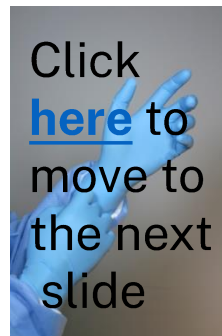
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No

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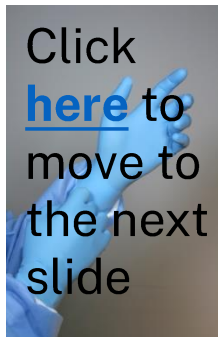
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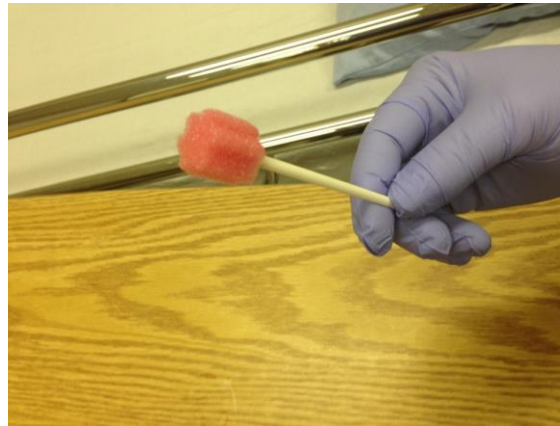


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Change gloves between tasks on the same patient and/or between patients. Remove gloves after removing waste from the room and perform hand hygiene before starting a clean task such as making a bed.

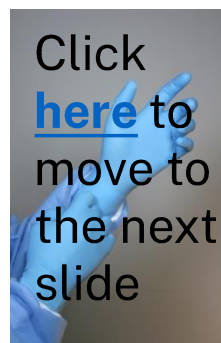
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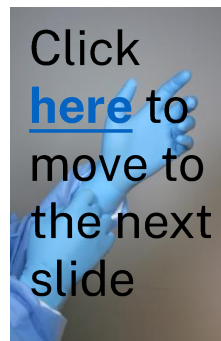
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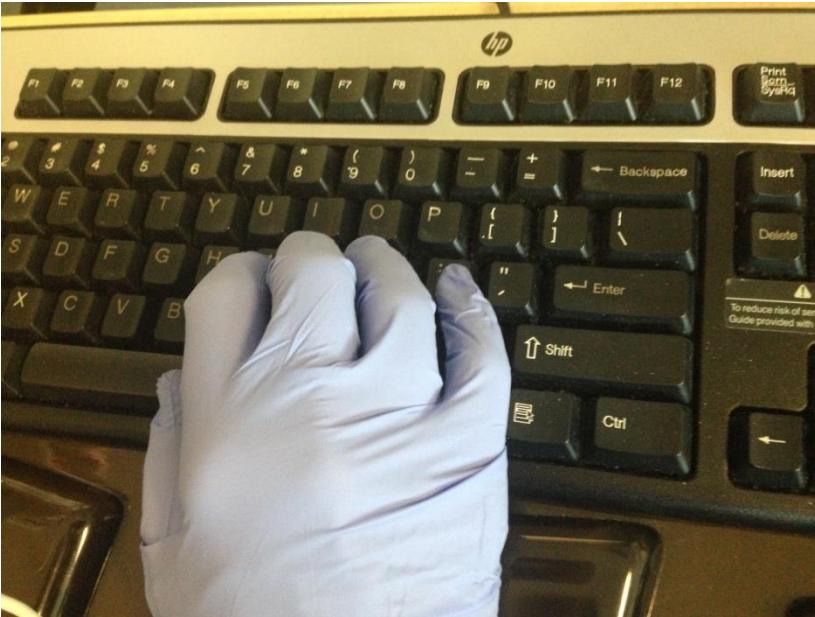


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Wearing gloves everywhere  
protects staff from infection.

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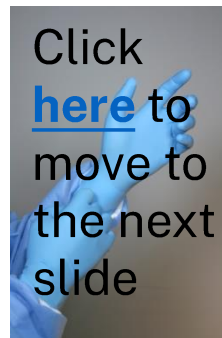
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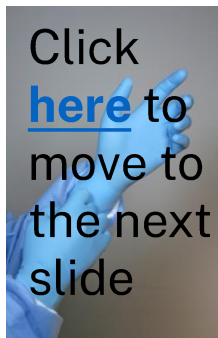
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## Nails

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If gloves are worn, it is okay to have long nails or nail enhancements.

True

False

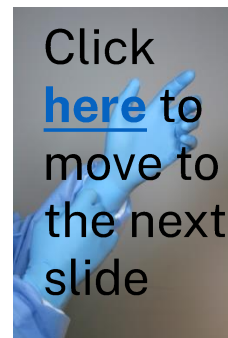


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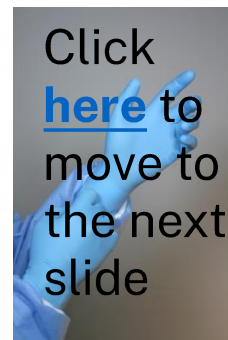


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# Jewelry

This staff member must remove the rings with stones.

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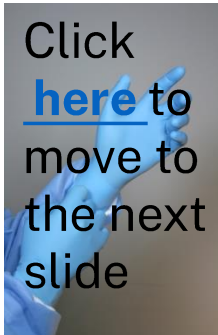
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- Rings with stones should not be worn as the stones may tear the gloves. If powdered gloves are worn, the powder will get imbedded around the stones.

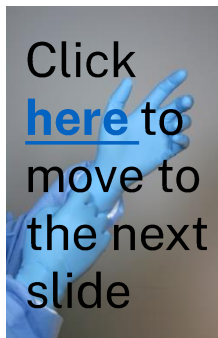


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## Glove selection

If double gloves are worn, the outside glove protects the inside glove and hand hygiene is not required.

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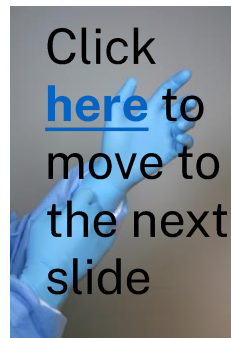
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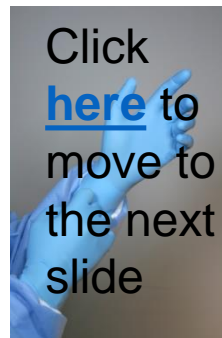
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## Glove Selection

Choose gloves based on:

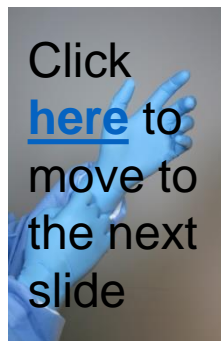
- a. point-of-care risk assessment
- b. signature on entry to room
- c. glove selection algorithm
- d. all of the above



## Glove Selection

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- All of the responses are correct
- Point-of-care risk assessment, signage on entrance to a room (e.g., Contact Precautions) and the Glove Selection Algorithm (Refer to Appendix A of BPR) are tools to guide glove selection



## Questions?

- If you have any questions or comments regarding the information in this Best Practices Recommendation, please contact [ipcsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca](mailto:ipcsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca)

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