Donning and Doffing Sterile Gloves when a Sterile Gown is not Worn

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Best Practice Recommendations



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Donning sterile gloves







Perform hand hygiene.

Open the inner glove packaging to expose 2nd sterile wrapper.

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Place the inner package on a clean, dry surface.

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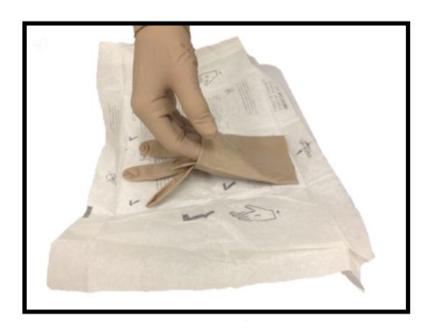




Using only thumb and index finger, grasp the folded cuff edge of the glove.

Slip the hand into the glove.

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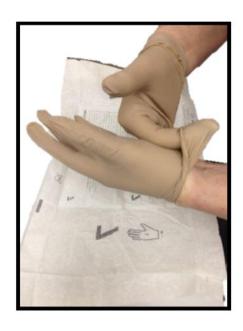




Pick up 2nd glove by sliding gloved hand under the cuff of the glove.

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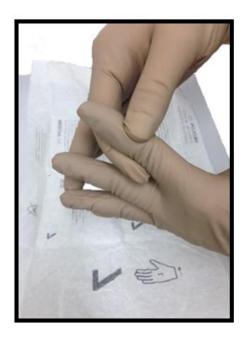






In a single movement, slip the 2nd glove onto the ungloved hand. Do not touch any other surface.

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Adjust the fingers and interdigital spaces.



Unfold the first cuff by gently slipping the fingers of the other hand inside the fold.

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The hands are gloved and must only touch sterile devices or the previously disinfected patient body area.

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Doffing sterile gloves







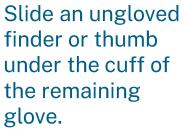
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Grasp the outside edge of one cuff with gloved hands, avoid touching the wrist. Pull the glove off, turning it inside out and place it in your hand.

Hold the removed glove in your gloved hand.

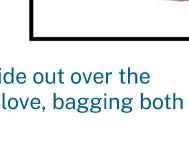








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Discard the gloves.



Perform hand hygiene after glove removal.



Thank you!

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