

Infection Prevention & Control Week

Appropriate Glove Use

Did You Know?

**Do not leave gloves in your pocket as they can easily become contaminated.
Leave gloves in their original box or package until they are donned.**

Test your knowledge:

- 1. It's ok to wear gloves to access clean supplies?**
FALSE, gloves should not be worn to access clean supplies and/or linen. These supplies should only be accessed with clean hands, not gloved hands.
- 2. Do HCWs have to fully dry their hands before donning a pair of clean gloves?**
TRUE, hands must be completely dry before donning gloves. Donning gloves with wet/moist hands can cause skin irritation.
- 3. HCWs should use ABHR on their gloves?**
FALSE, never reuse, wash, or apply ABHR to single-use disposable gloves.
- 4. HCWs must wear gloves when placing clean linen on a client's bed?**
FALSE, gloves should not be worn to place clean bedding on a client's bed. The HCW's should perform hand hygiene before replacing clean linen on the client's bed.
- 5. HCWs must wear gloves when collecting client dietary trays that are not visibly contaminated?**
FALSE, if there is no visible contamination of the tray, hand hygiene needs to be performed and tray collected without wearing gloves. Hand hygiene then needs to be performed before collecting the next tray.
- 6. HCWs must wear gloves when pushing a client in a wheelchair to another department?**
FALSE, the wheelchair is not contaminated with blood or body fluids, so gloves are not required. If you are not sure if the wheelchair is clean, wipe the handles down with a hospital-approved disinfectant wipe (i.e., Accel INTERvention). Perform hand hygiene before pushing the clean wheelchair.
- 7. HCWs should wear gloves when documenting in a client's chart?**
FALSE, contaminated gloves or hands can transfer bacteria/germs onto charts/devices, etc., wearing soiled gloves while charting puts you and others at risk of infection.

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