



Gloves on?

- When in contact with blood/body fluid, non-intact skin, or mucous membranes.
- When in contact with chemical hazards such as disinfectants, preserving agents or cytotoxic drugs.
- Only when hands are thoroughly dry (post-hand washing or alcohol rub) to reduce risk of dermatitis.



Gloves off?

- As soon as gloves are suspected to be damaged.
- When no longer in contact with blood/body fluids, non-intact skin or mucous membranes.
- When a single aspect of patient care/treatment has ended (e.g. gloves may be required to empty a urinary catheter before providing mouth care).
- When it's necessary to carry out effective hand hygiene.
- When contact with chemicals has ended.

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