

# DO YOU NEED GLOVES FOR THAT?

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Gloves have their place, that much is true,  
But incorrect use is a big risk too.  
Not every task needs hands encased,  
Let's use them wisely or they go to waste.



### TICK ALL THE SITUATIONS WHEN GLOVES SHOULD BE USED.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Making beds or changing bed linen           | <input type="checkbox"/> Taking patient observations e.g. temperature, pulse, blood pressure    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjusting the patient's pillows             | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving subcutaneous and intramuscular injections                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving oral medication                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient bathing or dressing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using the telephone                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transporting a patient   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning a blood spill                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Applying non-invasive ventilation or oxygen equipment                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing up patient notes or charts          | <input type="checkbox"/> Any patient care where there is NO contact with blood or bodily fluids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving a patient's belongings               | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting a patient with food or drink                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivering or collecting patient meal trays | <input type="checkbox"/> As required by hospital policy   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> If there is a risk of blood or bodily fluid/substance contact          |

**USING GLOVES WHEN THEY ARE NOT NEEDED CAN INCREASE SKIN ISSUES, INCREASES WASTE AND LEADS TO MISSED HAND HYGIENE OPPORTUNITIES.**

### remember

Gloves should be worn in the hospital and healthcare facilities when there is a **risk of contact with blood, body fluids/substances or surfaces and equipment contaminated with infectious agents.**

Gloves should also be worn if indicated by site policy e.g. for standard or transmission-based precautions.<sup>2</sup>

1. [https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/sites/default/files/20249/sustainable\\_glove\\_use\\_for\\_healthcare\\_workers\\_fact\\_sheet\\_0.pdf](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/sites/default/files/20249/sustainable_glove_use_for_healthcare_workers_fact_sheet_0.pdf) (Accessed 31 Mar 2025)

2. National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, (ACSQHC). Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare. Canberra: 2019.