 **CUH Glove Algorithm**

**NO**

**ARE GLOVES NEEDED?**

Is there a risk of exposure to:

Blood/body fluids Non-intact skin In an outbreak situation

Patients with infection Mucous Membranes

Task examples where **no gloves** are required:

* Performing observations
* Serving meals
* Oral drug rounds

**NITRILE**

(Non-Sterile)

**LATEX**

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**YES**

**IS THE PATIENT AT RISK OF INFECTION?**

**YES**

**NO**

**NON-STERILE GLOVES REQUIRED**

**STERILE GLOVES REQUIRED**

**Task examples:**

* Venepuncture
* Peripheral cannulation
* Intramuscular or subcutaneous injection administration if blood risk patient
* Blood glucose testing
* Handling blood/heavily blood stained fluids
* Handling cytotoxic material

**Task Examples:** Invasive procedures such as:

* Surgery
* Liver biopsy
* Angiography
* PD Catheter insertion
* CVC insertion
* Chest aspiration
* Dressings

**DOES THE PATIENT OR THE STAFF MEMBER HAVE A LATEX ALLERGY?**

Unless a risk assessment indicates otherwise (see policy)

**NITRILE/NEOPRENE/**

**POLYISOPRENE**

(Sterile)

**NO**

**YES**

**NITRILE** (Non-sterile)

**LATEX** (sterile)

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**NITRILE/NEOPRENE/POLYISOPRENE** (sterile)

**NITRILE**

(Non-Sterile)

**GLOVES ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR HAND HYGIENE AND THIS MUST ALWAYS BE PERFORMED ON GLOVE REMOVAL**

**LATEX**

(Sterile)

**NITRILE/NEOPRENE/**

**POLYISOPRENE**

(Sterile)

**NITRILE**

(Non-Sterile)