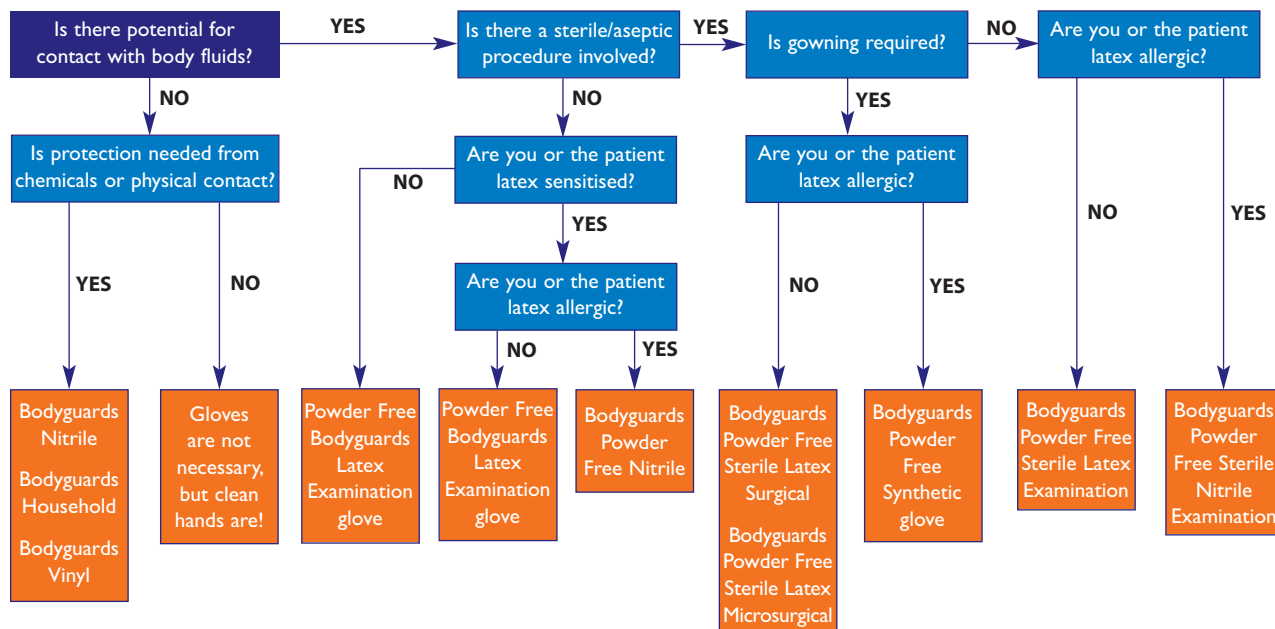


Do you need to wear gloves?

If so, are you using the right glove?



The hands of health care workers remain the most common means of transmission of Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI).

By selecting and wearing gloves appropriately, health care staff can:

- Reduce the risk of the hands becoming contaminated with body substances and micro-organisms.
- Minimise the transfer of organisms from person to person.
- Protect their hands from chemicals that may adversely affect the skin.

The key to appropriate glove usage is careful risk assessment.

It is essential that a risk assessment be carried out to establish whether or not gloves are required to be worn for each individual task to be undertaken.