





# Appropriate GLOVE USE



- Hand hygiene must be performed before putting on and after removing gloves.
- Change gloves and perform hand hygiene between each patient /resident.
- Ensure that you access supplies with clean hands.
- Do not re-use gloves or use alcohol based hand rub on them.
- Gloves must be changed between each task, even for the same patient/resident.

EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE GLOVE USE	EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE GLOVE USE
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IV insertion and removal</li><li>• Drawing blood</li><li>• Handling of drainage bags, bedpans for disposal or specimen collection, catheter care</li><li>• Handling/disinfecting dirty instruments</li><li>• Handling waste</li><li>• Cleaning up spills of blood or body fluids</li><li>• Handling chemicals</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taking blood pressure, temperature and pulse</li><li>• Bathing and dressing</li><li>• Transporting a specimen if specimen is in a transport bag</li><li>• Transporting a patient/resident</li><li>• Charting or using the telephone</li><li>• Distributing dietary trays</li><li>• Giving oral medications</li></ul>

## What Happens When HCWs Wear Gloves When They Are Not Required?

- Hand Hygiene opportunities are missed
- Increase in skin issues such as dermatitis
- Can cause an increase in cross transmission
- Waste of resources

**Note: Gloves are not continuous use.**