

Changing gloves intraoperative

After sharps injury



Critical points

1. Contamination occurs while changing gloves intraoperatively.

Action:

- Do not remove gloves rapidly with a snap, but use a well-controlled technique.

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Remove and change gloves using a well-controlled technique.

Procedure

This is a suggested procedure. Please follow the guidelines and instructions of your hospital. Training and exercise before first scrub is advised.

1. Pull the gloves downwards by the fingers and palms, whilst also grasping the cuff of the gown, until the cuff comes over the end of the hand and fingers. The glove may then be removed and discarded into the appropriate bin.

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Do not touch the outside of the sterile glove with the skin or the jersey of the sleeve of the second hand.

2. The hands must remain inside the sleeves of the gown. The closed-gloving technique is used to put new gloves on:

- Open the inner pack containing the sterile gloves and pick up one glove by the folded cuff edge with the sleeve-covered hand.
- Place the glove on the opposite (sleeve-covered) hand. The palm of this hand is faced up; the palm of the glove faces down with the fingers of the glove pointing towards the shoulder.
- Place the folded cuff edge of the glove at the cuff edge of the gown.
- Grasp the edge of the glove with the thumb and index finger of the other hand (well-hidden in the sleeve).
- Take care not to expose the bare fingers while doing this.
- The jersey of the sleeve (of the second hand) may not touch the outside of the glove.
- Continue to grasp the glove and stretch the cuff of the glove over the hand.



- Pull at the glove and at the same time the gown sleeve to lower the gown sleeve over the hand, so the fingers are free in the glove. Position the fingertips well.



3. Use the gloved hand to put on the second glove in the same manner.



4. When gloving is completed, no part of the skin should have touched the outside surface of the gloves. Check to make sure that each gown cuff is secured and completely covered by the cuff of the glove.
5. Put on a second pair of gloves, if needed.

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