



## Gloves are not continuous use:

### Appropriate glove use

- ✓ Gloves should be used when contact with blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, mucous membranes, non-intact skin and contaminated items is anticipated or if patient/resident is on contact precautions
- ✓ Gloves are not a substitute for hand hygiene
- ✓ 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

- ✓ IV insertion and removal
- ✓ Drawing blood
- ✓ Handling of drainage bags, bedpans for disposal or specimen collection, catheter care
- ✓ Handling/disinfecting dirty instruments
- ✓ Handling waste
- ✓ Cleaning up spills of blood or body fluids
- ✓ Handling chemicals

### Examples of inappropriate glove use

- × Taking blood pressure, temperature and pulse
- × Bathing and dressing
- × Transporting a specimen if specimen is in a transport bag
- × Transporting a patient/resident
- × Charting or using the telephone
- × Distributing dietary trays
- × Removing non-soiled linen from patient's bed
- × Giving oral medications

### 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