

IC5: 0320 Appendix II Glove Types

Type	Use
Vinyl 3 G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimal exposure to blood/body fluids/infectious agents ○ Contact with strong acids and bases, salts, alcohols ○ Short duration tasks • Protection for staff with documented skin breakdown
Latex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to latex sensitivities and allergies it is not recommended to use latex gloves. Nitrile would be the alternative choice
Nitrile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heavy exposure to blood/body fluids/infectious agents ○ Tasks of longer duration ○ Tasks with high stress on glove ○ Tasks requiring additional dexterity ○ Chemicals and chemotherapeutic agents ○ Recommended for contact with oils, greases, acids, bases ○ Sensitivity to vinyl • Preferred replacement for vinyl gloves when a documented allergy or sensitivity occurs

The guide for selection of non-sterile examination gloves is available through Workplace Health and Safety (WHS):

[http://fhpulse/workplace_health_safety/safety_and_prevention/Personal%20Protective%20Equipment/Non-Sterile%20Exam%20Glove%20Selection%20Guide%20\(Dec%202012\).pdf](http://fhpulse/workplace_health_safety/safety_and_prevention/Personal%20Protective%20Equipment/Non-Sterile%20Exam%20Glove%20Selection%20Guide%20(Dec%202012).pdf)

From Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) *Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings*. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, August 2009.