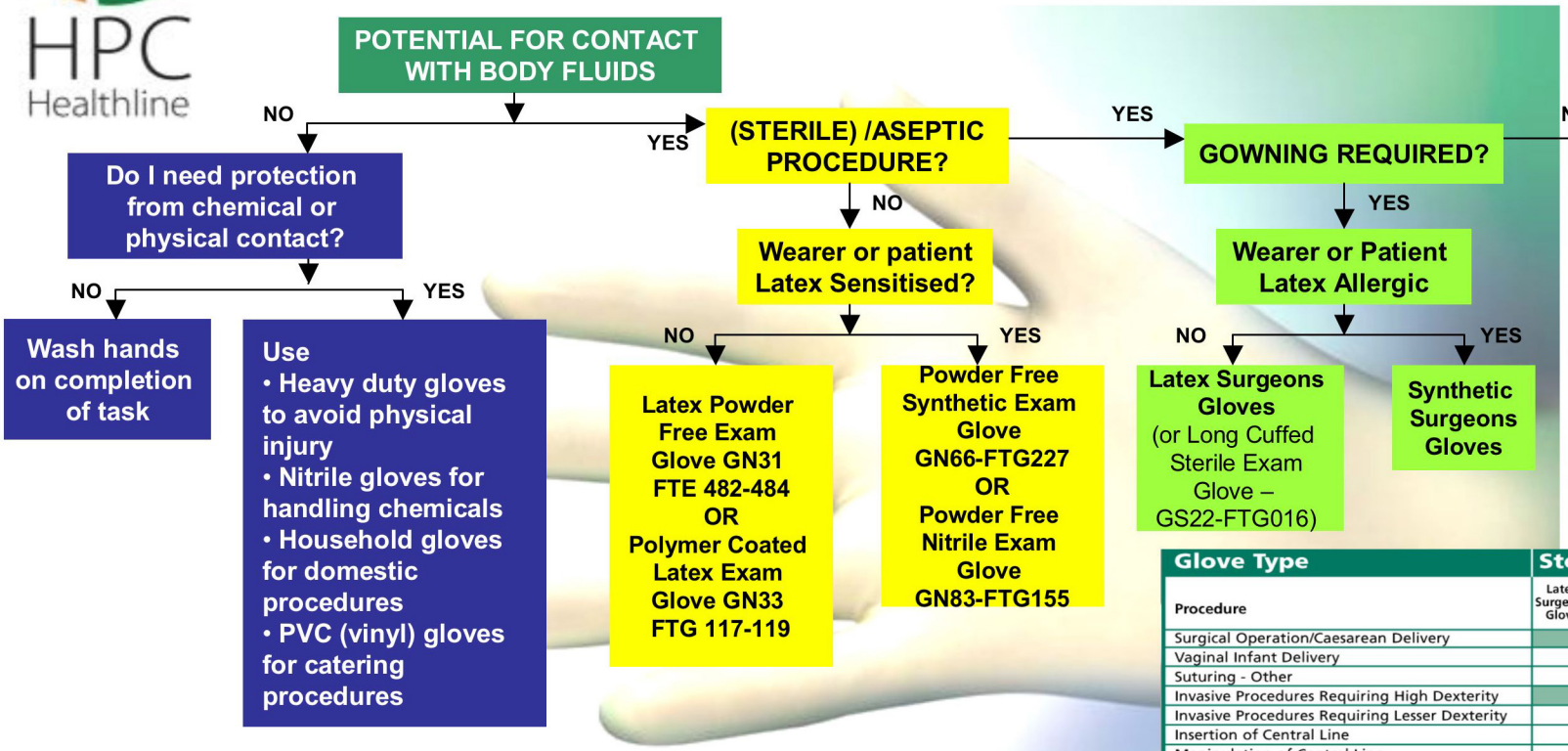
Glove Selection Guide

(Remember wearing gloves does not remove the need to wash your hands after removing gloves)



	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
VINYL	Low cost, no latex proteins suitable for use where no contact with blood/body fluids eg. catering.	Poor fit, low protection against viral and blood borne pathogens. Disposal problem.
LATEX	Good fit, excellent protection against viral and blood borne pathogens.	Increased risk of developing latex allergies.
NITRILE	Good fit, good chemical resistance, reliable barrier protection, no latex proteins.	Expensive. Disposal problems.

Glove Type	Sterile Gloves			Non Sterile Gloves				
Procedure	Latex Surgeons Glove	Latex Exam Glove	Nitrile Exam Glove	Latex Exam Glove	PVC Vinyl	House hold	Heavy Duty	Nitrile Exam Glove
Surgical Operation/Caesarean Delivery	■							
Vaginal Infant Delivery		■						
Suturing - Other		■						
Invasive Procedures Requiring High Dexterity	■							
Invasive Procedures Requiring Lesser Dexterity		■						
Insertion of Central Line		■						
Manipulation of Central Line		■						
Urinary Catheterisation		■						
Emptying Urine Drainage Bags				■				
Vaginal Examination: Os dilated, Ruptured Membranes or Insertion of IUCD		■						
Vaginal Examination				■				
Medical Procedures, *e.g., LP, Chest Aspiration etc.*		■						
Venepuncture				■				
Rectal Examination and Giving Suppositories				■				
Tracheal Suction/Tracheostomy (ITU)		■						
Oropharyngeal Suction				■				
Contact with Body Fluids				■				
Dealing with Spillages of Blood or Body Fluids				■				
Washing or Handling Dirty or Used Instruments or Equipment				■				
Handling Disinfectants *(except Glutaraldehyde)*				■				
When Handling Glutaraldehyde								■
Minor Cleaning Jobs (non housekeeping)				■				
Housekeeping/Domestic Procedures						■		
Handling/Administering Cytotoxic Drugs			■					■
Sorting Soiled Linen				■				
Dental/Chiropody (Non Surgical Procedures)				■				
Porters Handling Waste							■	
Food Preparation/Service					■			
Maintenance Work on Drains etc.							■	

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