

**Barrier techniques.**

All licensees who perform or participate in invasive procedures shall routinely use appropriate barrier precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane contact with blood and other body fluids of all patients. The barrier techniques to be followed are:

- (A) ~~Gloves~~. All licensees shall wear disposable gloves when performing or participating in invasive procedures. Hands shall be washed when gloves are removed. Before performing or participating in invasive procedures on another patient, the licensee shall wash hands and reglove with another pair of disposable gloves. If a glove is torn or a needlestick or other injury occurs, the glove shall be removed and a new glove used as promptly as patient safety permits. The needle or instrument involved in the incident shall be removed from the sterile field. Disposable gloves shall not be washed or reused for any purpose.
  
- (B) ~~Masks and protective eyewear~~. All licensees shall wear masks and protective eyewear when performing or participating in invasive procedures if during the procedure there is likely to be spattering or splashing of blood or other body fluids.
  
- (C) ~~Gowns or aprons~~. Gowns or aprons made of materials that provide an effective barrier shall be worn by all licensees who are performing or participating in invasive procedures if during the procedure there is likely to be spattering or splashing of blood or other body fluids.

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