

FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)



ProTouch™

How often should I change my examination gloves during patient procedures?

This depends on the length of procedure and contamination of gloves during procedures. If gloves remain intact they should still be changed out after about 45 minutes.

I have an allergy to latex. Do you have a latex-free glove I can use?

Yes. ProTouch *vinyl* examination gloves are appropriate for healthcare givers with latex allergy and satisfy OSHA requirements for hand protection during patient treatment.

What type of glove should I use to clean and disinfect surfaces?

ProTouch *HD* should be worn when performing any decontamination procedure. They are thicker so will resist cuts, snags, abrasions and are resistant to disinfectants, preventing break-through skin exposure.

Can I use latex gloves instead of chemical resistant gloves when performing decontamination and disinfection procedures?

No. Latex breaks down fairly quickly when wet, 45 minutes or less, and are thinner than chemical resistant gloves. The stress of cleaning and disinfecting chemicals causes latex to break down even more quickly, in as little as 15 minutes. The use of enzymatic detergents will dissolve latex gloves since latex is a protein product and the enzymes will act upon protein. Domestic household brands of cleaning gloves (ie. Playtex™) are not suitable for use with cleaning and disinfecting agents. Heavy duty decontamination gloves are thicker than examination gloves providing a stronger barrier against percutaneous injury from sharp instruments. A heavy duty nitrile rubber glove, such as ProTouch *HD* should be used.

Can ProTouch *HD* be reused?

Yes. They can be washed and disinfected or sterilized in steam or chemical vapor units many times.

For more information on this and other products, please call Certol Technical Support at 1-800-*THE-EDGE*.

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