RISK ASSESSMENT – Glove Usage

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

ARE GLOVES REALLY NECESSARY?

Gloves are **NOT** required for procedures where there is minimal risk of cross-infection between patients and staff eg

- Basic care procedures without contact with blood or body fluids
- Transferring food from food trolleys to patient bedside
- Making uncontaminated beds/changing or removing patients' uncontaminated clothing
- Taking recordings (BP, temperature, pulse)
- Closed entrotracheal suction

Gloves **ARE** required for procedures where there is a risk of cross-infection between patients and staff and further risk assessment should be carried out.

IS THERE A HIGH-RISK OF EXPOSURE TO BLOOD AND BODY FLUIDS?

NO

NON-STERILE VINYL

YES

IS A STERILE FIELD REQUIRED?

YES

Non-Theatre Environment:

- Sterile Nitrile

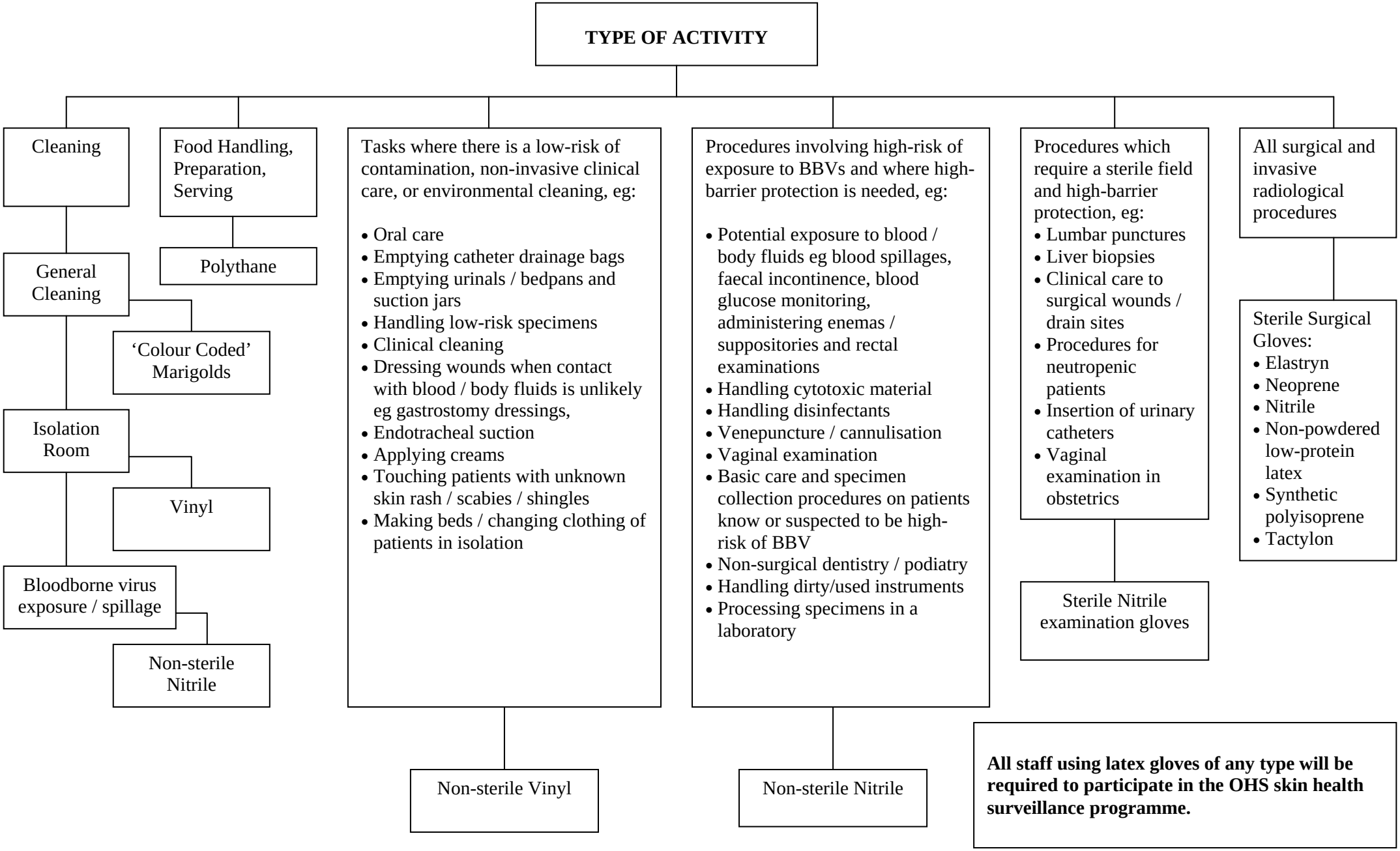
Theatre Environment:

- Elastryn
- Neoprene
- Nitrine
- Non-powedered low-protein latex
- Synthetic Polyisoprene
- Tactylon

NO

Non-Sterile Nitrile or synthetic glove with equivalent barrier properties

GLOVE SELECTION – GUIDANCE



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