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**Search details**

Use of personal protective equipment ie. gloves, aprons in community childrens/adult services. Uniform policy in Community nursing.

**Resources searched**

NHS Evidence – Guidelines, Cochrane Library, BNI, Cinahl, HMIC, NHS Evidence – Infection Specialist Library, TRIP, Nursing Reference Center

**Database search terms** : community nursing, personal protective equipment, gloves, aprons, paediatric community nursing, infection prevention.

Community nursing, uniforms, infection

**Google search string** : community nursing, paediatric, personal protective equipment

**Summary**

Very little material specifically related to Paediatrics found, most information relates to adults.

**Guidelines**

Uniforms and workwear : an evidence base for developing local policy

Department of health 2007.

**Evidence-based reviews**

1. When should sterile gloves be used in preference to non-sterile gloves to reduce the risk of healthcare associated infections in the community setting?  

   TRIP Answers 2007

1. **Handwashing: a simple, economical and effective method for preventing nosocomial infections in intensive care units.**

**Author(s):** Akyol, A, Ulusoy, H, Ozen, I

**Citation:** J Hospital Infection, April 2006, vol./is. 62/4(395-405), 0195-6701 (2006 Apr)

**Publication Date:** April 2006

**Abstract:** Literature review on handwashing and hand hygiene related to infections in health care and the community. Hand drying and hand care, the use of gloves and the implications of rings, watches, bracelets, cuffs, tattoos and nails are discussed. Factors related to compliance with hand hygiene procedures are also considered. 71 refs.

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2. **Infection control: 'now wash your hands'.**

**Citation:** Paediatric Nursing, November 2006, vol./is. 18/9(18), 0962-9513 (2006 Nov)

**Publication Date:** November 2006

**Abstract:** The principles of the NICE guidance, 'Infection control: prevention of healthcare-associated infection in primary and community care' (2003). Hand hygiene using soap or handrub solution and the wearing and disposal of protective gloves, aprons and masks are described. 1 ref.

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3. **To glove or not to glove?**

**Author(s):** Grove, J

**Citation:** Br J Primary Care Nursing: Cardiovascular Disease & Diabetes, 2007, vol./is. 4/4(195-7), 1752-4385 (2007 Jul/Aug)

**Publication Date:** 2007

**Abstract:** The need for and use of gloves by practice nurses as part of infection control. The criteria for wearing gloves, the importance of hand hygiene, single use of disposable gloves and type and choice of gloves are discussed. 11 refs.

**Source:** BNI

4. **Infection control: worlds apart primary and secondary care.**

**Author(s):** Cole, M

**Citation:** Br J Community Nursing, July 2007, vol./is. 12/7(301-6), 1462-4753 (2007 Jul)

**Publication Date:** July 2007

**Abstract:** Exploration of the different infection control practices in primary and secondary care and reasons for the variations. Literature and guidance on community nurses' infection control practices in patients' homes, hand hygiene and potential obstacles to community-based hand-washing, waste management and aseptic versus clean technique in patients’ homes are discussed. 38 refs.

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5. **Review of standard precautions and sharps management in the community.**

**Author(s):** Cutter, J, Gammon, J

**Citation:** Br J Community Nursing, February 2007, vol./is. 12/2(54-60), 1462-4753 (2007 Feb)

**Publication Date:** February 2007

**Abstract:** Literature review examining compliance with standard precautions for the safe handling and management of sharps by community nurses. Risks for, frequency and prevention of inoculation injuries causing HIV, Hepatitis C and HBV, reasons for non-compliance and strategies for increasing compliance are discussed. 51 refs.
6. Infection control: worlds apart primary and secondary care.

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7. Review of personal protection equipment used in practice.

Author(s): Hinkin J, Gammon J, Cutter J

Citation: British Journal of Community Nursing, 01 January 2008, vol./is. 13/1(14-19), 14624753

Publication Date: 01 January 2008

Abstract: Standard precautions offer a consistent approach to infection control that does not rely on knowledge or suspicion of infection, and contributes to staff and patient safety by reducing the risk of exposure to potentially infectious material. One of the cornerstones of standard precautions is the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) whenever contact with blood or body fluids is anticipated. However, evidence suggests that compliance with standard precautions including correct use of PPE is inadequate. Demographic and epidemiological changes in the UK, and the drive to provide more complex patient care outside acute hospitals may lead to increased infection risks for both patients and community healthcare workers. This review examines the importance and use of PPE by community nurses and discusses the implications for practice of poor compliance with standard precautions. Recommendations for practice will be made aimed at improving compliance with this important
element of standard precautions.

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8. **Infection control procedures.**

**Author(s):** Hall, S

**Citation:** Practice Nurse, December 2009, vol./is. 38/10(12-7), 0953-6612 (2009 11 Dec)

**Publication Date:** December 2009

**Abstract:** Infection control issues relating to general practice. Procedures to prevent the spread of infection involving effective cleaning of equipment, hand-washing, use of alcohol hand rub, use of uniform and aprons and effective use of gloves are described. Disinfecting skin prior to immunisation and the role of infection control audit are discussed. 5 refs.

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9. **Subcutaneous chemotherapy in the community.**

**Author(s):** Lloyd, H

**Citation:** J Community Nursing, March 2010, vol./is. 24/2(14-8), 0263-4465 (2010 Mar)

**Publication Date:** March 2010

**Abstract:** Literature review concerning the extended role of the district nurse in the administration of subcutaneous chemotherapy in patients' own homes. Health and safety issues are discussed, including the administration of chemotherapy, the use of personal protective equipment and gloves, and clinical waste disposal. 29 refs.

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Uniforms for community nursing:

1. **Is your uniform harbouring infection?**
Author(s): Lomas, Clare

Citation: Nursing Times, 2007, vol./is. 103/41(20-21), 0954-7762 (Oct 9 2007)

Publication Date: 2007

Abstract: Nursing uniforms have come under the spotlight for potentially transmitting healthcare-associated infections. The author examines the views and evidence behind the theory. [Journal abstract]

Source: HMIC

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2. Appropriate glove use in the prevention of cross-infection.

Author(s): Flores, A

Citation: Nursing Standard, May 2007, vol./is. 21/35(45-8), 0029-6570 (2007 9 May)

Publication Date: May 2007

Abstract: Literature review of evidence concerning glove use to reduce healthcare-associated infections. The legal requirements concerning protective clothing, a procedure for the use of disposable gloves, the assessment of appropriate use and the effect of glove use on hand hygiene are included. 26 refs.

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4. Potential pitfalls in adherence to hand washing in the community.

Author(s): Nazarko L

Citation: British Journal of Community Nursing, 01 February 2009, vol./is. 14/2(64-68), 14624753

Publication Date: 01 February 2009

Abstract: Infection control is vitally important in community settings. Community nurses care for people with complex care needs who are extremely vulnerable to infection. The most important thing a nurse can do to prevent the spread of infection is to maintain good hand hygiene. Nurses can face barriers in their efforts to practice good hand hygiene, including lack of education, lack of time, poor facilities and inappropriate clothing and hand adornments. This article outlines evidence-based practice on how to overcome barriers to good hand hygiene and stresses the important role of the community nurse in working with her team to ensure best practice, cut infection rates and save lives.

Source: CINAHL

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5. Management of Norovirus gastroenteritis in the community.
6. Then and now: a day in the life of the district nurse.

Author(s): Pountney DJ

Citation: British Journal of Community Nursing, 01 April 2009, vol./is. 14/4(162-164), 14624753

Publication Date: 01 April 2009

Abstract: District nursing has a long and illustrious history. This year, the profession marks its 150th anniversary. While clinical practice has changed beyond recognition, the fundamental need for community nursing at the heart of healthcare remains a constant. Former and present day district nurses recollect on their experience of how the profession has evolved and look forward to the future.

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7. Ask the experts.

Citation: Nursing Management UK, April 2009, vol./is. 16/1(11), 1354-5760 (2009 Apr)

Publication Date: April 2009

Abstract: Views from the Nursing Management panel of experts on the introduction of a national uniform for all NHS clinical staff. The appropriateness of a uniform in both hospital and community settings and its potential impact on staff and patients is debated.
Source: BNI

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