

Top 5

reasons you should be double-gloving during surgery



- 1** | Wearing two surgical gloves significantly reduces infection risk to operating room personnel.¹ The second glove helps protect against bloodborne pathogens when the outer glove is punctured.²
- 2** | Double-gloving helps provide a high level of protection. The interior glove reduces exposure to patient blood by as much as 87 percent when the outer glove is punctured.³
- 3** | Double-gloving is recommended for invasive surgeries by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,⁴ American Operating Nurse Association,⁵ British Journal of Surgery,⁶ European Journal of Surgery⁷ and World Health Organization.⁸
- 4** | Colored undergloves can help improve occupational safety. Research shows that most punctures are tiny and identified only after surgery, not at the time of the incident.
- 5** | Colored undergloves increased awareness of perforations to synthetic outer gloves from 21 percent to 86 percent¹ and reduced time to awareness from 67 seconds to 42 seconds.⁹

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