

What to do if you see a patient with a draining wound

Always assume the liquid from a draining wound is infectious, even if the drainage is clear.

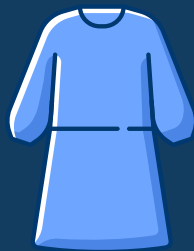


Do not touch wound cart supplies with bare hands.



Regularly monitor supplies in wound carts using a **checklist**.

Don't touch a draining wound or the liquid from it without clean hands and the right PPE.



If there's a risk of your clothes touching the wound or liquid, you might need a gown.



If you have to touch the wound or liquid, always wear gloves. Always clean your hands as soon as you take your gloves off.



If there's a chance you could be splashed, you might need a mask and eye protection.

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