



Family Planning Alliance Australia (FPAA) statement – Use of non-sterile gloves for insertion of the contraceptive implant

Numerous studies have shown no increase in the risk of surgical site infection when using non-sterile gloves compared to sterile gloves for minor cutaneous procedures.(1)

Non sterile gloves can be used for those experienced with insertion of the contraceptive implant, who are confident with their no touch technique. Sterile gloves are recommended where there is a higher risk of skin infection, e.g. severe eczema or immunosuppression.

1. Brewer JD, Gonzalez AB, Baum CL, Arpey CJ, Roenigk RK, Otley CC, et al. Comparison of Sterile vs Nonsterile Gloves in Cutaneous Surgery and Common Outpatient Dental Procedures: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. JAMA dermatology. 2016;152(9):1008-14.