

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.

References

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