

Nail and Skin Care

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Nail varnish is prohibited, regardless of colour, for staff with direct patient contact, or who work in areas where direct patient contact takes place
- Ensure the skin on your hands does not become dry or damaged. In these conditions the hands show a higher bacterial load, which may inhibit effective hand hygiene
 - Hand lotion may be used to prevent skin damage from frequent hand washing.
Note: skin lotions for patient and/or staff use have been reported sources of outbreaks, so lotion must be in single pump
 - Creams that have been taken into a patient's room should be dedicated to that patient and either disposed of or sent home with the patient on discharge
 - Compatibility between lotions and antiseptic products, and lotion's potential effect on glove integrity should be checked (i.e. lotions should not be petroleum based). Please check with Infection Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety to ensure lotion is approved for use