

Coated gloves keep surgeon, nurse safe and comfortable in the OR



Surgical Gloves with Neu-Thera®

Dr. Regina Hampton, a board-certified surgeon with Choice Metro Surgery in Greenbelt, Maryland, was trained to double glove in medical school, but she'd never found gloves that she really liked.

"Some are just too tight, and some are hard to get on unless they're powdered," she said. "And I have dry skin, which scrubbing and gloving can make worse."

Then Dr. Hampton met Jeanina DiVittorio, a Cardinal Health representative, at a conference. She suggested that Dr. Hampton try Esteem® Blue surgical gloves with Neu-Thera® formulation from Cardinal Health. Neu-Thera® formulation is the proprietary blend of clinically proven ingredients that coats the inside of Esteem® Blue surgical gloves.

The formulation on surgical gloves includes gluconolactone to restore skin smoothness, glycerin to moisturize and plasticize the stratum corneum (outermost layer of the skin), provitamin B5 to restore softness and elasticity and chitosan to inhibit inflammation and promote regeneration of injured tissue.

Dr. Hampton could feel the difference immediately.

"The inside of the gloves just feels nice," she said. "It has kind of a silky feeling that I noticed immediately when I tried them on. And there's no powder, so it doesn't get messy."

She was so impressed after using the gloves in the operating room that she asked the hospital to order them for her.

"These gloves are very comfortable, even when I double glove," she says. "And I still have plenty of tactile sense. I also like the bright blue color. And it's easy to get both gloves on. The Esteem® Blue surgical gloves just glide on, and the second gloves slide right over them. Some other gloves are hard to get on without powder."

When one of the OR/PACU registered nurses who sometimes works with Dr. Hampton saw the gloves, she decided to try them. This nurse also double gloves. In addition to the same difficulties Dr. Hampton experienced, she had trouble finding gloves that didn't irritate her sensitive skin.

She is allergic to latex, and even some non-latex gloves caused her hands to itch and turn red. She could tell immediately if gloves would be problematic, and at one point took her own gloves to work to protect her hands.

Like Dr. Hampton, the nurse noticed an immediate difference when she first tried on Esteem Blue® surgical gloves with Neu-Thera® formulation. Her hands didn't break out or itch, and there was no redness.

She appreciates the softening sensation that lingers long after she takes the gloves off, and has no trouble getting them on or feeling things while wearing them.

In her 12 years as a nurse, including seven in the operating room, she has tried dozens of soaps and lotions — including prescription ointment — to try to protect her hands. Some helped, some didn't. Esteem® Blue surgical gloves with Neu-Thera® formulation proved to be the perfect solution for me.

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