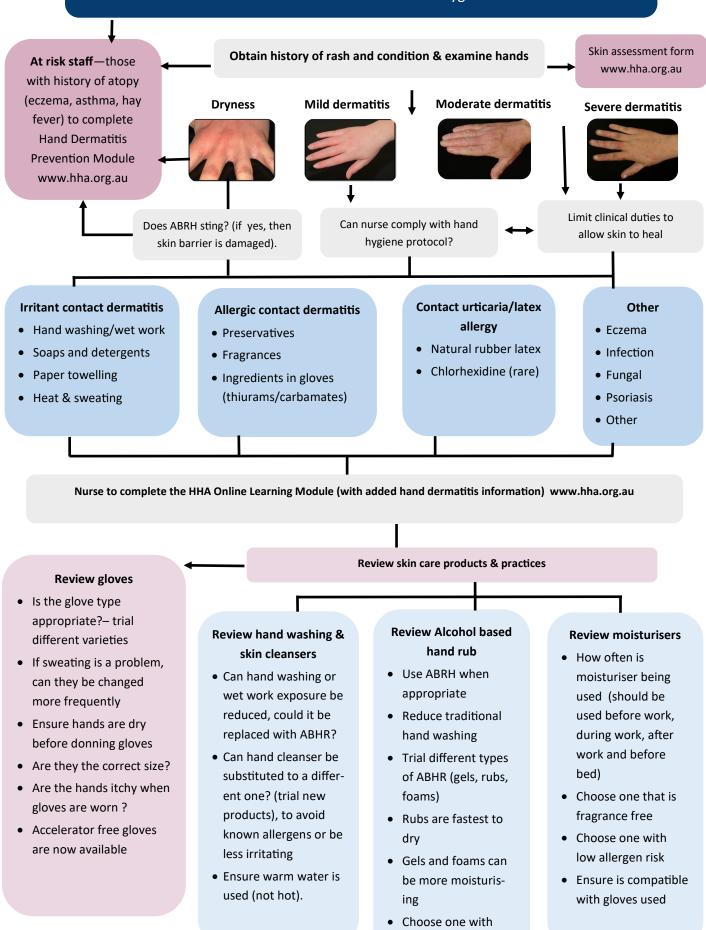
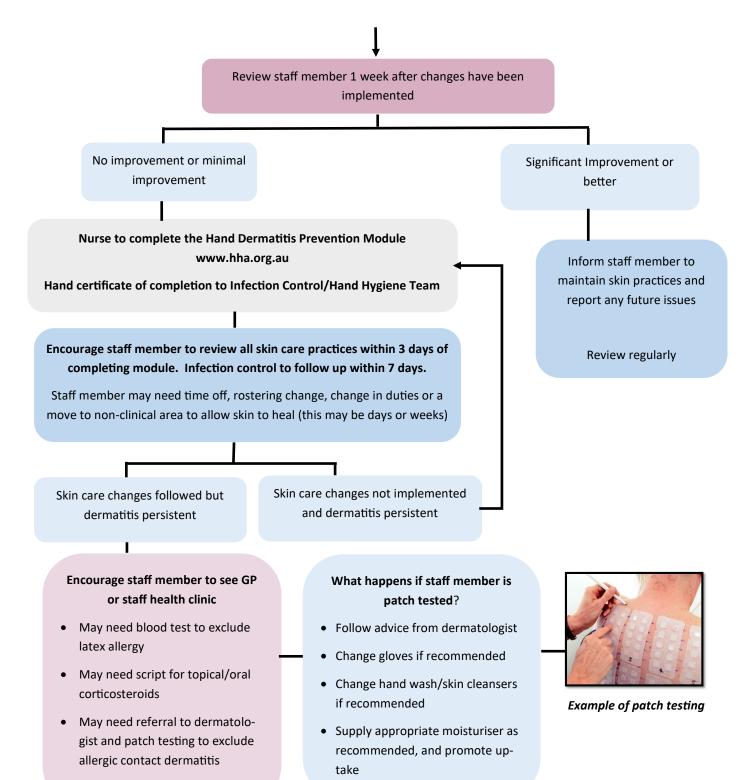
What to do when a nurse presents with dermatitis on the hands

Advice for infection control and hand hygiene staff



added emollients





- Preservatives including methylisothiazolinone and methylchloroisothiazolinone
- Avoid an emulsifier called coconut diethanolamide
- Choose fragrance free products where possible fragrances in skin care products may be labelled as fragrance, parfum and.... To name a few

Common myths:

- Stinging with use of ABHR means your skin barrier is damaged, it does not mean you are allergic to it.
 Allergy to ABHR is very rare
- Allergy to chlorhexidine is also very rare
- Parabens are not a common cause of allergy, they are one of the better preservatives in skin care.
 Nearly all skin care products need a preservative to stop it from going off.







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