

# Glove policy in microscope room

Dear Microscope Users,

Due to a number of health and safety concerns regarding the wearing of gloves (and thus handling microscopes, computer keyboards, etc, whilst wearing them) in the microscope rooms, we would like to clarify the situation

**In conjunction with WTCHG's Safety Officer, we have drawn up the following guidelines:**

- **Any cells/culture vessels to be transported into the microscope room should be in a plastic or polystyrene sealable box.** This is particularly important when transporting cells that are in Petri-dishes or other non-sealed culture vessels, as it reduces the chance of accidental media spillage or damage to the cells.
- **Gloves should not be worn when opening the door to the microscope room.** There is only one handle to open the door, and this should be kept free of biological/chemical contamination, as the majority of users do not wear gloves when opening the door.
- **Gloves can be worn inside the microscope room only for placing cell cultures on the microscope.**
- **Gloves should not be worn when using the microscope or any of the other equipment (computer mouse, keyboards, camera, etc).** We have now placed an autoclave waste bag rack in the microscope room where gloves can be disposed of.
- **If users need to put gloves on before transporting cells back to their lab, we will provide medium nitrile gloves in the microscope room.** For other sizes or for nitrile gloves, please could users bring a spare set themselves. Again, please do not wear gloves when opening the door on the way out to avoid possible contamination.

Please speak to a member of the Core staff, or email [cellular-imaging@well.ox.ac.uk](mailto:cellular-imaging@well.ox.ac.uk) if you have any further questions.

Thank you, **The Cellular Imaging Microscopy Core**

