



**REGION 11
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM
PROTOCOL**

Title: Latex Allergy

Section: Appendix

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LATEX ALLERGY

INDICATIONS

- Patients with known sensitivity to latex
- Patients with onset of respiratory or dermatological signs and symptoms

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- None

EQUIPMENT

Latex free products for:

1. Airway:
 - Oral/Nasal airways
 - Suction catheters
 - Bag valve masks
 - Oxygen tubing
 - Endotracheal tubes
 - Stylets
2. IV:
 - Tourniquets
 - Gloves
 - Tape

When utilizing other medical equipment such as stethoscopes or blood pressure cuffs, provide a barrier between the patient and the device (i.e. Kerlix, 4 x 4's, cloth, etc).

PROCEDURE

1. Utilize latex free products whenever possible.
2. If a patient experiences an onset of symptoms (i.e. respiratory and/or dermatological signs and symptoms) and routine, latex gloves have been utilized:
 - a. *Do not remove gloves*
 - b. *Place latex free gloves over latex gloves, as a second pair.*
3. Medication should not be drawn from a multi-dose vial, if possible. Medication drawn up in a syringe must be given immediately after withdrawing the medication.
4. Secure bandaged sites with cloth or silk tape.
5. See Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis protocol for treatment of a latex reaction.