

LATEX ALLERGIC PATIENTS

INDICATIONS

- Patients with known sensitivity to latex
- Patients with onset of respiratory or dermatological signs and symptoms once care is initiated

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- None

EQUIPMENT

LATEX FREE products for:

1. AIRWAY:
 - a. Oral/Nasal airways
 - b. Suction catheters
 - c. BVM/masks
 - d. O₂ tubing
 - e. Endotracheal tubes
 - f. Stylets
2. IV:
 - a. Tourniquets
 - b. Gloves
 - c. Tape

When utilizing other medical equipment such as stethoscopes or blood pressure cuffs, provide a barrier between the patient and the device, for example 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 ADMINISTRATION:** 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. **BANDAGING:** Secure bandaged sites with cloth or silk tape.
5. **TREATMENT OF REACTION:** See Allergic Reaction SMO for treatment of a latex reaction.

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