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Latex Allergy

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Introduction

Latex allergy management requires creating awareness of the potential for latex allergy and taking the appropriate steps to provide a latex-safety environment for patients. The sensitivity to latex varies from patient to patient and symptoms can range from mild (e.g. redness) to severe (e.g. anaphylaxis). Latex sensitivity symptoms can also become worse with repeated exposure. Therefore, minimizing latex exposure for latex sensitive patients is essential.

No.	Description
ALGY1.0	LATEX ALLERGY
ALGY1.1	Patients with a known or suspected latex sensitivity or allergy are identified.
ALGY1.1.1	M All patients are assessed preoperatively for latex sensitivity risk factors.
ALGY1.1.2	M Patients with a sensitivity or allergy to latex are identified with an allergy alert wristband.
ALGY1.1.3	M The medical record of any patient with a sensitivity or allergy to latex is labelled or flagged.
ALGY1.1.4	M The patient's sensitivity or allergy status is clearly documented throughout the medical record.
ALGY1.2	Patients with a known or suspected latex sensitivity or allergy are appropriately managed.
ALGY1.2.1	M Latex precautions are implemented for patients with a sensitivity or allergy to latex.



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