

LATEX ALLERGY

Latex Allergy Cart:

Special anaesthetic equipment and care is required when a patient with suspected or known latex allergy presents for surgery.

Latex allergy Protocol:

Check that all equipment & drug ampoules do not contain latex. Look for the no latex sign

- Infusion sets should have 3-way stopcocks
- Cover the OT table with non-latex materials REMOVE ALL LATEX MATERIALS AND USE ONLY LATEX-FREE GLOVES THROUGHOUT.
- Display a prominent sign "LATEX ALLERGY" at all entry points to the OT, recovery room and the patient's bed/cot.

Contents of the Latex Allergy Cart:

- Glass syringes / disposable latex free syringes
- IV tubings without rubber injection ports
- 3-way stopcock
- Non-latex breathing systems and Self – inflating resuscitation bags e.g. Laerdal® bags are silicone
- Laryngeal masks and PVC ETT
- Cotton gauze and non-latex tapes and bandages
- Non-latex gloves (neoprene / nitrile)

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE ALLERGY DESPITE PRECAUTIONS, MANAGE AS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS PROTOCOL.