



**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™  
Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure**

Title:	<b>Latex Allergy Protocol – Suspected or Known</b>	Policy Number:	<b>3.25</b>
		Version Number	<b>4</b>
Regulation Reference:	<b>CDC, NIOSH</b>	Effective Date:	<b>6/2011</b>
		Original Approval:	<b>8/2001</b>

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure a safe and effective protocol for TTUHSC patients with known or suspected Latex allergies.

**SCOPE AND DISTRIBUTION:**

This policy applies to all TTUHSC ambulatory clinic operations conducted through its Schools of Medicine and School of Nursing that use Latex products in providing patient care services.

**PROCEDURE:**

**1. Patient Care**

- a. When possible, latex allergy precautions will be used with all patient populations diagnosed with Myelodysplasia and Neurogenic bladder dysfunction and/or suspected Latex hypersensitivity.
- b. All Healthcare personnel who have contact with these patients should wear non-latex gloves.
- c. High-risk patients should be scheduled as the first appointment of the day (to minimize exposure to airborne latex particular matter).
- d. A latex allergy cart may be set up to contain the following latex-free items:
  - 1) Gloves – sterile and non-sterile (in an assortment of sizes)
  - 2) Tape – silk and transparent
  - 3) Webril and Stockinett – for use under blood pressure cuffs, to wrap blood pressure cuffs and stethoscope tubing, etc.

**2. List of Latex and Latex Free Products.** A listing of products that contain Latex and products that are Latex free in the healthcare environment can be found at: <http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org/atf/cf/%7BEED435C8-F1A0-4A16-B4D8-A713BBCD9CE4%7D/LatexList09.pdf>

**\*Note:** This list is NOT all-inclusive. It is very difficult to obtain full and accurate information on the latex content of products. Amounts vary between companies and product series. (Meeropol, Leger, & Frost, 1993).

**CERTIFICATION:**

This policy was approved by the Deans for the Schools of Medicine and Nursing June 2011.