



**LATEX ALLERGY SCREENING QUESTIONS  
AND PRECAUTIONS**

Patient Label

1. Has a **doctor** or other health care professional ever told you that you are allergic to latex? Y\_\_ N\_\_
2. Have you ever had trouble breathing, swelling or itching after being exposed to rubber products? Y\_\_ N\_\_
3. Have you ever had unexplained anaphylaxis (shock) during surgery? Y\_\_ N\_\_

**\*\*\*If patient responded "yes" to any of these questions, INITIATE LATEX PRECAUTIONS\*\*\*  
EDUCATE patient/family/advocate on Latex Allergy**

4. Do you have any congenital abnormalities like spina bifida, myeloma, or myelodysplasia? Y\_\_ N\_\_
5. Have you ever had a reaction (rash, hives, tingling, swelling, runny nose, itching of eyes, palate or hands, or difficulty breathing) after coming into contact with any of the following? (Please circle) Y\_\_ N\_\_

balloons      rubber gloves      rubber bands      foam pillows      condoms  
ace bandages      a diaphragm      dental dams      elastic waist bands      erasers

Tropical fruit or nuts (Examples: Bananas, kiwis, chestnuts, avocados)

6. Did you have **multiple surgeries** or **invasive procedures** before you were 1 year old? Y\_\_ N\_\_
7. Do you use a catheter for emptying your bladder? Y\_\_ N\_\_

**\*\*\*If patient responded "yes" to any of questions 4-7, NOTIFY PHYSICIAN that pt. may be at high risk \*\*\*  
for developing a Latex Allergy. EDUCATE patient/family/advocate on Latex Allergy**

**LATEX PRECAUTIONS**

- Place patient in private room.
- Obtain latex-free isolation cart/container from CSR.
- Make certain that room is latex free. Remove ALL latex gloves and the blood pressure cuff.
- Place sign on door and over bed alerting staff/visitors to latex precautions.
- Place latex allergy/precautions on chart and kardex.
- **Enter latex allergy/precaution information into STAR COMPUTER SYSTEM medical page.**
- Notify pharmacy, food services and environmental services of patient being on latex precautions.
- Notify MD to see if further testing may be warranted
- Educate the patient and his/her family on latex allergy and precautions
- Give patient and family packet about latex allergy and precautions.



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