



LATEX ALLERGY INFORMATION

Natural rubber latex is a constituent in many of the products used in the healthcare setting. The most common and frequent exposure to latex is through the use of latex gloves. Some individuals may develop allergic symptoms upon exposure to latex products.

- If you are allergic or have had multiple surgeries, you may have an increased risk for developing a latex sensitivity.

- Symptoms of latex sensitivity include:
 - Contact Dermatitis (itching, irritation, swelling, and redness of skin)
 - Urticaria (spread of dermatitis from point of exposure)
 - Respiratory Irritation (wheezing, rhinitis, shortness of breath, and throat constriction)

If you suspect that you have a latex allergy, inform your supervisor, administrator, or director of your residency program to obtain authorization for alternative glove products. After obtaining authorization, report to Occupational and Employee Health Services located on the basement level of Rock Pavilion, phone 2-4455. If you are a student, report to Student Health Services located on the basement level of Student Faculty Center, phone 2-4088.