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**POLICY:**

Latex allergy is a potentially life threatening allergy and when noted on the patient’s registration form or at the bedside, it is absolutely necessary to follow the latex precautions.

If a patient verbally states that they are sensitive to latex, precautions must be taken.

To provide safe and appropriate care to latex sensitive patients, it is imperative that care is taken with these individuals to ensure that they do not come in contact with any latex product while having their laboratory procedures performed.

For this reason, the laboratory will only use supplies that are latex-free. All tourniquets, gloves and supplies are latex-free, therefore are compatible for use with all patients regardless of latex sensitivity.

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