

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AFFECTING THE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

TITLE OF POLICY: LATEX GLOVES SENSITIVITY

ORIGINAL DATE: January 2009

LAST REVIEW/REVISION DATE: February 2009

POLICY: School of Nursing labs are not latex-free.

The School of Nursing will provide a reduced latex environment for faculty, students, and staff to prevent reactions to natural rubber latex. Faculty, students, and staff will be assessed for sensitivity and provided with reasonable and necessary treatment. Faculty, staff and students will be provided with latex free gloves as appropriate.

PROCEDURE: Labs will have both latex and latex free gloves/ sterile and non sterile available.

Students without latex allergies should use the latex sterile and non sterile gloves. Faculty should order latex sterile and non sterile gloves accordingly.

Students who suspect that they have a dermatitis related to use of latex or powder-containing gloves should report the occurrence to their instructor. When appropriate, the student will be referred for evaluation and further treatment, as necessary.

Once an instructor identifies that a students has a latex allergy, powder-free or latex free gloves, whichever is appropriate, will be ordered to accommodate the student.

Students with a latex allergy should also be given latex free gloves to use even when handling latex tubing and manikins.

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