

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AFFECTING THE  
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**TITLE OF POLICY:** LATEX GLOVES SENSITIVITY

**ORIGINAL DATE:** January 2009

**LAST REVIEW/REVISION DATE:** December 2017

**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 who report sensitivity will be provided with reasonable accommodations. Faculty, staff and students will be provided with latex free gloves as appropriate.

**PROCEDURE:** A student with a latex allergy should report it to the instructor for the Skills Lab as well as the clinical instructor.

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

Students who have a dermatitis, they suspect is 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, as necessary.

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

Reviewed by Dean's Council: 08-09, 12/17

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