



College of
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CDSS Latex Standard

1. The CDSS (Advertising Review Committee) has determined that “latex free” is impossible to verify, therefore, “latex free” cannot be used in external advertising.
2. “It is each member’s responsibility to provide safe care to all patients with identified medical conditions”. Therefore, base on the current practices, all clinics should follow said practices and determine a patient’s risk on a care-by-care basis.
3. Patients with a true latex allergy should be treated in an environment where contact with latex proteins, either directly or airborne is kept as low as reasonably achievable. When performing hand hygiene, alcohol based sanitizers are not sufficient for removing latex particles; therefore, hands should be washed with soap and water prior to contact with latex-sensitive patients. All latex-containing materials or devices should be removed from the operatory or adequately covered and isolated.
4. Protocol for treating an Adverse Latex Reaction is included in the SOHP Infection Preventions and Control Standards in the Oral Health Care Facility IPC-03-03 – Adverse Latex Reactions (Page 25).