

**Rules and Regulations, LSFR 145**  
**LATEX SENSITIVE/ALLERGY PATIENTS**

**Effective:** June 15, 2008

**I. Purpose:**

This policy is used to help recognize and use appropriate safeguards on patients with latex sensitivity or latex allergies, and to safeguard first responder staff who are classified as health care workers and have a higher incidence of latex allergies. Additionally, a protocol developed by and approved by the medical director has been established.

**II. Policy:**

It is the policy of LSFR to use gloves that do not contain latex or latex products. Additionally it shall be the policy of LSFR to maintain a latex free kit, containing commonly used medical equipment and supplies that are latex free.

**III. Procedures:**

1. Be aware of groups of people associated with latex allergies and sensitivities.
2. Verify medical histories
3. If the patient is in a high-risk group or is a known latex sensitive patient, a latex free environment should be maintained.
4. Any questions or concerns regarding potential latex allergies/sensitive patients should be directed to Medical Control.