## HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER LABORATORY POLICY MANUAL LATEX POLICY

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**PURPOSE:** to provide for optimum protection of laboratory personnel from latex sensitivity.

**POLICY:** The laboratory is latex free. This applies to all equipment used to perform phlebotomy for inpatients as well as outpatients. In addition, Laboratory Staff comply with HRMC Latex Precaution Policy PC09. If a Laboratory employee develops signs of latex sensitivity, they should report to Employee Health for consultation and education. Treatment will be initiated if necessary. An incident report should be completed and submitted to the Laboratory Manager as documentation of the situation.