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MINOR PROCEDURE

(Scope)

TITLE: CARE OF THE LATEX SENSITIVE/ALLERGIC PATIENT IN MINOR PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: To outline the steps to create a latex safe environment for the sensitive/allergic patient in Minor Procedures.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: All Olympus Endoscopes (fiberscopes & videoscopes) and accessories are non-latex except as noted below.

EQUIPMENT LIST: The attached page is a list of equipment found in Minor Procedures that are known to contain Latex.

CONTENT: PROCEDURE STEPS:

1. Institute Hospital-wide Latex Allergy Policy found in the Administrative Manual and Care of Latex Sensitive/Allergic patient in SDS.
2. Obtain Latex Allergy Band (red). Place band on patient and Latex Allergy sign on stretcher.
3. Screen all equipment that will come in contact with the patient during the procedure for latex content and remove from area.
4. Use non-latex sterile gloves.
5. Cover finger with op-site prior to attaching pulse oximeter probe.
6. Use Ethicon sutures without rubber stays.
7. Use **unit dose** xylocaine jelly.
8. If allergy develops, remove suspected allergen and provide immediate care as directed by the physician.