

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
LATEX ALLERGY POLICY**

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PURPOSE

This department will follow hospital policy for care of a patient with a Latex Allergy.

PROCEDURE

1. All in-patients with this allergy will be identified in admissions interview as per hospital policy. Outpatients will be questioned for Latex Allergy during initial evaluation. The cart will be flagged to identify the Latex Allergy to assure all staff follow precautions.
2. The following is a list of common items used in the Therapy Department containing Latex with alternate items or protective measures.

Blood Pressure Sphygmometer tubing	Cover arm with gauze or stockinet or perform over clothes or use latex-free cuff.
Gloves	Use latex-free gloves
Band Aids	Use latex-free options
Rubber bands	Use string
Ace bandage	Use white cotton latex free wrap
Reflex Hammer	Cover rubber with plastic wrap
Theraband	Find alternate exercise programs or assure use of latex-free exercise bands.