

American Latex Allergy Association

LateX-Free Medical Products

Note: This list is a guideline for informational purposes only. It is very difficult to obtain full and accurate information on the latex content of products, which may vary between companies and product series. The American Latex Allergy Association disclaims any legal responsibility associated with the use of any products on this list. All individuals and professionals must obtain written verification of non-latex status from the product supplier before use with latex-allergic individuals. Many of these companies also carry latex products. Please contact the American Latex Allergy Association at alert@latexallergyresources.org or 1-888-972-5378 to share information you obtain about products not listed. This product list is the property of the American Latex Allergy Association and may not be duplicated or reproduced without written permission.

***The bold items in the first column of each section may contain natural rubber latex. The items in the second column are latex-free alternatives, unless otherwise noted.**

Respiratory Supplies

Airways/Face Masks:

- **Hudson RCI** (800-399-1039)
- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)
- **Rusch** (800-514-7234)
- **Kendall** (800-962-9888)
- **Westmed** (800-724-2328)
- Remove elastic bands or provide cloth barrier between band and patient's skin, check valve content.

Ambu Bag/Manual Resuscitators

- **Respironics** (800-345-6443)
- **Laerdal** (877-523-7325)
- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)
- Ambu (800-262-8462)

Anesthesia Circuits

- **Hudson RCI** (800-399-1039)
- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)
- Use a well-washed system

Bite Blocks

- Silicone bite blocks

Endotracheal Tubes

- **Mallinckrodt** (Puritan Bennett, Nellcor) (800-635-5267)

Peak Flow Meters

- **Ferraris Pocket Peak** (888-345-4858)
- **Clement Clarke Mini-Wright** (888-345-4858)
- **DHD Healthcare** (800-258-5361)

Ventilator Hose, Bellows, Balloons

- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)
- **DHD Healthcare** (800-258-5361)

Adhesives/Bandages

Bandages

- Sterile dressing with paper, silk, or cloth tape
- **Kendall** (800-962-9888) - Curity bandages
- **3M** (800-228-3957) - Nexcare Active bandages
- **Johnson & Johnson** (800-526-3967) - Advanced Healing and Active Flex bandages
- Latex in packaging only: Readi-Bandages, 3M Active Strip, **CURAD** Neon (800-227-4703)

Casts

- **Johnson & Johnson** (800-526-3967)
- **Tetra Medical Supply** (800-621-4041)
- **3M** (888-364-3577)
- **Gore**
- Fiberglass

Cold Wraps/ Latex-Free Packaging Dressings

- **Phoenix Health Care Products** (414-431-2200)
- **Tetra Medical Supply** (800-621-4041)
- **Andover Coated Products**
- **MedLine** (800-633-5463) - CoFlex
- **3M** (888-364-3577) - Coban, Tegaderm
- **Kendall** (800-962-9888) - Webril, Curity bandages

Elastic Bandages

- **Tetra Medical Supply** (800-621-4041)
- **Avcor** (800-282-6748) - X-Mark
- **CoNco Elastic Bandage** (800-243-2294)
- Cover skin with cotton barrier

Electrodes

- **3M** (888-364-3577) - Red Dot electrodes

Heat Wraps

- **ThermaCare** (800-323-3383)

Tape

- Cloth, paper, or silk tape
- **3M** (800-228-3957) - Transpore, Durapore, Micropore
- **Johnson & Johnson** (800-526-3967) - Hurt Free, Dermaclear
- **Ferndale Laboratories** (800-621-6003) - Mastisol

Tubing

Catheters

Gastrointestinal/
Rectal

Urinary

Cook (800-245-4717)

- **Mentor** (800-525-0245)
- **Bard Medical** (800-526-4455)
- **Rochester Medical** (800-615-2364)
- **Kendall** (800-962-9888)
- **Coloplast** (800-533-0464)
- PVC or silicone catheters; Velcro or nylon straps for leg bags

Vascular

- **M. Devices Group**

Drains

Penrose Drains
Oxford Tubes

- Jackson-Pratt silicone tubing
- Zimmer Hemovac

IV Supplies

IV bags
Injection ports
Adapters
Tourniquets

- **Alaris Medical Systems** (800-854-7128) - SmartSite needle-free system
 - **Becton Dickinson**
 - **B. Braun** (800-854-6851)
 - **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)
 - **Avcor** (800-282-6748) - Latex-free tourniquet
 - Cover Y-sites, use stopcock for meds, do not puncture latex caps, flush all tubing before use, use polymer injection caps, use cloth barrier between latex tourniquet and patient's skin.
- Suction Tubing
- **Mallinckrodt**(Puritan Bennett, Nellcor) (800-635-5267)
 - **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)

Patient Assessment Equipment

Blood Pressure Cuff/Tubing

- Use cuff over clothing, or cover cuff with Webril or stockinette
- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760) - CLEENCUFF, CUFF-ABLE, CLEAN-ABLE
- **GE Healthcare** (877-274-8456) - Critikon Dinamap

Pulse Oximeters

- **Nellcor** (800-NELLCOR) - Adult clip sensor
- Cover skin with Tegaderm or Opsite

Rubber Reflex Hammer

- Cover hammer with baggie, or use cloth barrier between hammer and patient's skin

Stethoscope Tubing

- Keep tubing from skin, cover with cotton battings, stockinette, or **Stethoscope Covers**
- **Sprague, Littman** (800-228-3957)
*All Littman stethoscopes are latex free EXCEPT the Littman Anesthescope

Patient Comfort/Therapy

Chux/Rubber Sheets

- **Kimberly Clark** (800-524-3577) - disposable
- Other disposable underpads

Resistive Exercise Bands

- Cover with cloth
- **Thera-Bands** (800-321-2135) - offer both latex and latex-free exercise bands.
- Exercise putty (Roylan)

Wheelchair Seats/Tires/Hand Brakes

- **ROHO** (800-851-3449) - cushions
- Cover seat with fabric, use leather gloves to turn wheels, neoprene cushion

Medication Administration

Bulb Syringes/ Medication Droppers

- **Health Enterprises** (800-633-4243) - latex-free bulbs
- **Med-Worldwide** (800-638-9224) - latex-free 2 oz bulb syringe
- Lang Dental (800-222-5264) - synthetic bulbs

Syringes

- **Terumo** (800-888-3786) - BD Luer-Lok, Toomey Tip Syringe (See www.allmed.net)
- Dey Labs (800-869-9005) - Epi-Pen
- Glass syringes, or prepare medication in syringe just before use.

Vial Stoppers

- Remove latex stopper
- **Eli-Lilly** (800-545-5979)
- **Fujisawa** (800-888-7704)
- **Merck** (800-672-6372)
- For Insulin: Advantajet (800-991-4464)

Gloves

Latex Gloves

- Use vinyl, nitrile, neoprene, polymer gloves
- **Allerderm** (800-365-6868) - Nitrile, vinyl
- **Kimberly Clark** (800-524-3577) - Safeskin
- **Ammex** (800-274-7354) - Nitrile, vinyl
- **Ansell** (800-321-9752) - Dermaprene, Allergard
- **ECI Medical Technologies** (800-668-5289) - Elastyfree, Elastylite
- **Medline** (800-633-5463) - Maxxim Sensicare, Tru-Touch
- **Best** (800-241-0323) - N-DEX nitrile, RealFeel Vinyl
- **Regent** (800-843-8497) - Neotech, Skinsense
- **Smart Practice** (800-522-0800) - QualiTouch nitrile, Vinylite vinyl
- **Microflex** (800-876-6866) - FreeForm, Supreno
- **Top Quality Mfg. Inc.** (800-483-8559)

Surgical Equipment

Rubber Head Straps

- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760) - Mouth to Mask

Surgical Garb

- **Medical Supplies and Equipment Company** (877-706-4480) - Prohibit with latex-free ties/earloops, Sheer-Fit bouffant caps, white polypropylene bouffant caps, polypropylene shoe covers
- **Sultan Chemists** (800-637-8582) - ComFit Mask
- **Kimberly Clark** (800-524-3577) - Non-elastic tie caps

Surgical Packs

- **DeRoyal** (800-251-9864) - Latex Safe TracePak for several different procedures in easy-to-store, portable containers.

Vascular Stockings

- **BSN-Jobst** (800-221-7573)
- **Kendall** (800-962-9888) - TED stockings

**Warming Blankets:
(Fluid Circulating)**

- **Vital Signs** (800-932-0760)

Staff Training/Apparel

CPR Manikins

- **Laerdal** (877-523-7325)

Lab Coats/Jackets

- **Medical Supplies and Equipment Company** (877-706-4480) - latex-free lab coats and jackets
Check elastic in cuffs and collars

Masks

- **Medical Supplies and Equipment Company** (877-706-4480) - Prohibit with latex-free ties/earloops
- **Septodont, Inc** (800-872-8305) - Ear loop face masks
- **Sultan Chemists** (800-637-8582) - ComFit Mask

Dental

Anesthetic Cartridges

- **Septodont, Inc** (800-872-8305)- latex-free dental cartridges
- Use glass ampule-based anesthetics with latex-free syringe.

Bitewing Tabs

- Paper loops
- **Crosstex International** (888-276-7783)

Dental Dam

- **Hygenic** (800-321-2135)
- Patterson (800-873-7683)

**Endodontic Filling Material
(Gutta Percha)**

- See references below

Home Care Products

Toothbrush Handles Irrigation
Tips Gum Stimulators

- **Colgate** (800-226-5428)
- **Crest** (800-543-2577)
- **Butler** (800-528-8537)
- **Oral-B** (800-566-7252)
- **Teledyne Water Pik** (800-525-2020)
- **Johnson & Johnson** (800-526-3967)

Impression Material

- **Parkell** (800-243-7446) - Blu-Mousse
- **GC America** (800-323-7063) - Exaflex
- Alginate, Impergum

Instrument Bands

- **Dux Dental** (800-833-8267) - Code Rings

**Model Former (Rubber
Base)**

Mixing Bowls

- **Hygenic** (800-321-2135)

Orthodontic Elastics

- Use ligature wire ties
- **GAC** (800-645-5530)
- **3M Unitek - Alastik**
- **Glenroe Technologies** (800-237-4060) - Nonlatex elastics

Polishing Points/Wheels

Prophy Cups

- **Young Dental** (800-325-1881) disposable prophy cups and angles
- **Dentamerica** (626-912-1388) - disposable
- **Dentsply** (800-877-0020) - Nupro disposable
- **Sultan Dental** (800-238-6739) - Upgrade disposable
- **Butler** (888-777-3101) - disposable
- Prophy brushes

Laboratory Cases

Advise the laboratory of the latex-allergy status of your patient when sending the case out, but be aware that materials returned from a dental laboratory may have been handled with latex gloves. Wash all prosthetics and appliances thoroughly with soap and water before insertion in a latex-allergic patient.

All Dental Materials

To prevent the transfer of latex allergens onto nonlatex products, **DO NOT** handle products while wearing latex gloves or with unwashed hands after wearing latex gloves. **DO NOT** store nonlatex products with natural rubber latex products. **DO NOT** leave dental materials and instruments exposed to airborne allergens and latex glove powder if they are to be used on a latex-allergic patient.

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See Alliance Medical for many types of latex-free medical/dental equipment.