

# LATEX PRECAUTIONS

**VISITORS:** Please check with nurse before taking anything into room

**REMEMBER:**

- ◆ No latex or rubber products
- ◆ All personnel wash hands prior to contact with patient to remove any latex allergen particles present on hands
- ◆ Check for food sensitivities associated with this allergy
- ◆ Refer to Latex Allergy Policy NS-230.000
- ◆ Advise patient to bring to the hospital their own undergarments, slippers/shoes, nightwear, pillow, etc.

- ◆ Avoid direct contact with telephone cords, TV earplugs and electrical cords as these items contain latex
- ◆ Cover call bell with paper tape or tubinet and tape end with opsite
- ◆ Remove balloon arrangements or other latex gifts from patient's room
- ◆ Do not remove sterilization tape in the room. Sterilizing tape, masking tape and adhesive tape all contain latex
- ◆ Leave patient health record, kardex, carts with rubber wheels and other latex products outside the patient's room
- ◆ Instruct the patient to avoid touching any hoses in the bath or shower
- ◆ Remove rubber backed mats from the bathrooms/shower
- ◆ Inform the patient that the baseboards, wall boards and stairwells may contain latex
- ◆ Remove rubber garbage cans from the patient room and provide alternate latex-free receptacle