

LATEX SAFETY MANAGEMENT FOR PATIENTS AND EMPLOYEES

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy that all practical steps will be taken to ensure staff and patients identified as being at high risk from, or having a positive allergy to, latex proteins will be managed in a latex-safe environment and that all options are considered to maintain their safety.

EXCLUSIONS

Employees and patients who are not considered to be at high risk of latex related reaction.

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ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.3.10 protocol 1 Latex Safety Management Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.5 Alerts
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.1.5 protocol 1 Alerts – Medical (Allergic Responses / Adverse Reactions and High Risk Issues)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Reportable Event Input form

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