

APPENDIX FOUR:

ANAESTHETIC STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

* REMOVE

- General waste bags
- All except recommended tapes
- Non-sterile latex gloves, (use vinyl gloves instead)

(Wear vinyl gloves to touch any latex containing objects for removal, then discard gloves)

* BRING IN TO THE OPERATING THEATRE

- Latex free box/cart (see Appendix 2)
- Vinyl non-sterile gloves, (use vinyl gloves instead)
- Any other essential equipment

* COVER

- Any latex containing essential equipment

* SPECIFIC TO ANAESTHESIA

- Monitoring (Safe unless denoted otherwise)

- NIBP cuff, put Soffban (Smith and Nephew) under it
- ECG dots safe
Graphic Controls MT200
(Jackson Ellison)
3M manufactured after
March 1997
- ECG leads (Fisher and Paykel)
- Oximeter probes and cables
Datex (Fisher & Paykel)
MRI suite (Invivo 4500,
Medtel)
- Nasal temperature probes (Obex)
- Nerve stimulator leads (Fisher and Paykel)

- Airways (Safe unless denoted otherwise)

- Hudson masks (Ebos) are now free
- All ETTs except red rubber
- Use clear plastic masks
- LMAs
- OPTs - clear are safe
- NPTs
- Benjets (Eccles)
- Laerdal bags

- Machine and Circuitry (Safe unless denoted otherwise)

- All sampling tubing
- Circuit - all our plastic hosing
- Disposable circuit with absorber (Medic) as of Jan 1999

Humid-vent (Gibeck)
HMEs (Pall and Gibeck)
Use **latex free** rebreathing bags only
GEM (Ohmeda) is safe including Mk5a (Ohmeda) CO₂ absorber
TEC 5 (Ohmeda) vaporisers
Ventilator bellows - no other alternative available as yet. Pall filters
remove most latex particles
Peep valves (Obex)
Fisher and Paykel heated humidifiers

BUT

CPAP system for one lung ventilation (Mallinckrodt) is **unsafe**

- Intravenous equipment (Safe unless denoted otherwise)

Tourniquets - wrap Soffban under it
Use **only Terumo syringes**, (supply on stacker shelf 'DE')
Treat all bungs on giving sets as containing latex. Tape over them, do
not inject through them. USE THREE WAY TAPS
In line blood filters (REM Systems)
CVP manometers (REM Systems)
3-way stopcocks (REM Systems)
Blood giving sets (REM Systems)
Blood giving sets, high flow (Eccles)
3-gang stopcocks (REM Systems)
Air vent needles (REM Systems)
Drug vials available in theatre (See Appendix one)
Hot Line - use Latex free pack (Patterson Distributors Ltd.)
Ivac set 59902 (used for epidurals) is safe (no injection port)
PCA tubing (BC721 Braun)

BUT

Burette, fine dropper (Braun, Art No. 04035577), latex in injection ports
and in the float
Burette, blood dropper (Braun, Art No. 04035585), latex in injection ports
and in the float
IVAC set 59073 (REM Systems) are **UNSAFE**

- Intravenous fluids

All Baxter IV fluid bags have **latex only in the additives port**, the giving
set port is safe
4% Albumin - OK
Pentastarch - OK

BUT

Haemaccel has **latex** in the **bung**

- Intravenous and intra-arterial cannulae

Are all safe including arterial long lines

- Pressure measuring sets

All safe

- Tapes and dressings below are all safe

Airstrips (Smith & Nephew)

Hypafix (Smith & Nephew)

Medipore (3M)

Micropore (3M)

Opsites (Smith & Nephew)

Steristrips (3M)

Tegaderm (3M)

Transpore (3M)

V3000 (Smith & Nephew)

BUT

Sleek and Elastic Fabric are unsafe

- Thermodrapes (Obex)

are safe

- Epidural kits

Portex safe

BUT

Braun have latex containing syringes

- Central line sets

Arrow sets contain BD syringes including the 'Blue' syringe. Avoid these syringes, use Terumo

Arrow sheaths contain latex rubber 'O' ring, avoid

Swan-Ganz catheters are unsafe

*** QUESTION**

Any equipment the patient is to be exposed to

*** DURING THE PROCEDURE**

Induce in theatre

Minimal staff in theatre

Signs to reduce traffic