

APPENDIX FIVE:

POST ANAESTHESIA CARE UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

*** TAKE WITH THE PATIENT**

All special equipment that may be needed including Laerdal bag and mask

*** WHILE IN PACU**

Try and maintain only one nurse to care for patient

*** REMOVE**

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)

*** COVER**

Arm under BP cuff with Soffban

Any cable which may touch the patient

*** EQUIPMENT IN PACU**

- 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)

All ETTs except red rubber

Use clear plastic masks

LMAs

OPTs - clear are safe

NPTs

Laerdal bags

- 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)

Back check valve (403906/8 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

*** BRING IN TO PACU**

Latex free sterile gloves

Vinyl non-sterile gloves

*** QUESTION**

Any equipment the patient is to be exposed to

*** AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE TO THE WARD**

Check that the ward staff are aware of the patient's latex allergy status