

Drugs and patients with latex allergy

All drugs in glass or plastic ampoules (i.e. where there is no bung and the container is all glass or plastic) are considered to have 'minimal risk' of containing latex antigen and may be used in latex allergic patients.

Minimal risk means that whilst natural rubber latex is not used as a material in the manufacture or the products or in the containers or packaging, contact with natural rubber latex during or after manufacture cannot be excluded.

For drugs in vials or pre-filled syringes (that have an additional component in the container such as a bung, plunger or needle sheath) the primary reference source is the Medusa Injectable Medicines guide which can be found here on the intranet;

<https://intranet.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/departments/diagnostics-specialties/pharmacy/iv-drug-administration-guide-medusa/>

The **STRENGTH, CONTAINER & MANUFACTURER** of the product in question needs to correspond exactly with that in the monograph.

Items stocked in theatres for which Medusa had no information can be found in the table below

Drug	Strength	Container	Tradename	Manufacturer	Risk
Dalteparin	All	pre-filled syringe	Fragmin	Pfizer	UNSAFE
Desflurane	240ml	bottle		Baxter	Minimal risk
Diclofenac	All	suppository	Voltarol	Novartis	Minimal risk
Diclofenac	100mg	suppository	Econac	Mercury	Minimal risk
Enoxaparin	All	pre-filled syringe	Clexane	Sanofi	Minimal risk
Esmolol	100mg/10ml	vial		Orpha-Devel Handels und Vertriebs GmbH	Minimal risk
Esmolol	2.5g vial (dry powder)	vial		Orpha-Devel Handels und Vertriebs GmbH	Minimal risk
Fondaparinux	All	pre-filled syringe	Arixtra	Aspen	UNSAFE
Levobupivacaine	1.25mg/ml	200ml bag	Chirocaine	AbbVie	Minimal risk

Drug	Strength	Container	Tradename	Manufacturer	Risk
Levobupivacaine with fentanyl	0.1% with 2mcg/ml 0.125% with 4mcg/ml	250ml and 500ml bag 500ml bag		Fresenius	Minimal risk
Paracetamol suspension	120mg/5ml 250mg/5ml	100ml bottle		Rosemont Crescent	Minimal risk Minimal risk
Prilocaine	1%	50ml vial	Citanest	Aspen	Minimal risk
Sevoflurane	250ml	bottle		Piramal	Minimal risk
Vecuronium	10mg	vial		Sun pharmaceuticals	Minimal risk