

# POLICY STATEMENT: NATURAL LATEX

## Background:

Natural Latex and vulcanised rubber containing traces of latex are used in a number of medical applications. Type 1 and Type 4 sensitivities to Natural Latex have been reported from single and chronic exposure<sup>1,2</sup>.

## Statement:

**Rocket Medical plc** is aware of the risks of latex exposure and aims to manufacture the vast majority of its products without the use of latex or materials which contain traces of latex.

Unless specifically labelled as containing latex, all Rocket® products and packaging can be considered as being 'LATEX FREE'.

Where appropriate, certain products such as those with balloons or rubber like components are additionally labelled as 'LATEX FREE' or will carry the symbol (right) for clarification



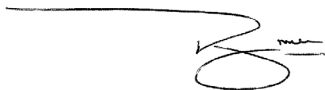
Rocket® products which are known to contain latex are normally reserved for specialist applications. These products have additional or specific labelling citing all relevant warnings and cautions.

## References:

1: Latex Allergies. UK Health & Safety Executive, 2008. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/latex/about.htm>

2: NIOSH Alert: Preventing Allergic Reactions to Natural Rubber Latex in the Workplace". United States National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/latexalt.html>. Retrieved 2008-01-20

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