

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this group is for informational purposes only, and does not substitute for the medical care of a qualified physician.

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Name _____ Phone _____

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- I would like to make an additional contribution to ALAA and my check is enclosed.
- I would like to become an ALAA member \$25.00.
- I would like to become an ALAA professional member \$65.00.

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE ALLERGIC TO LATEX ...

Seek medical care and diagnosis from a qualified physician, preferably one who has experience in treating patients with latex allergy.

IF YOU ARE DIAGNOSED WITH LATEX ALLERGY:

- Avoid latex exposure as much as possible.
- Ask your physician if you should avoid certain foods, for some have been implicated in causing allergic reactions in individuals with latex allergy.
- Always carry an injectable epinephrine system, such as the Epi-Pen®, and know how and when to use it. Your physician can advise you on any other medications you should carry with you.
- Always wear a medical identification emblem, such as a MedicAlert® bracelet or necklace (1-800-245-1492). Many medical personnel wear latex gloves, and in the event of an emergency situation, this emblem may prevent latex exposure for you.
- Always carry non-latex gloves with you for others to wear during an emergency situation.
- Always carry a letter from your physician, including a phone number where the physician can be reached. In addition carry an emergency treatment protocol, because many health care workers are not yet familiar with latex allergies.

If you have natural rubber latex allergy, ALAA can help



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If you have a natural rubber latex allergy, you are not alone.

Experts estimate that at least 10% of American health care workers have a latex allergy.

Symptoms can range from mild to severe, and can include one or more of the following:

- hives or welts
- swelling or affected area
- runny nose
- sneezing
- headache
- reddened, itchy or teary eyes
- sore throat, hoarse voice
- abdominal cramps
- chest tightness, wheezing, or shortness of breath (asthma)

If exposure to latex continues, allergy symptoms may include a severe and life threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis.

Living with latex allergy can be frustrating and frightening. You and your family do not have to learn to live with latex allergy all alone, for ALAA can help.

WHAT IS ALAA

ALAA is a national organization who's mission is to create awareness of latex allergy through education and to provide support to individuals who have been diagnosed with a latex allergy.

GOALS

- 1** To educate people who have been diagnosed with latex allergy and their families, as well as health care workers, industries, legislators, law enforcement agencies and government on latex allergy.
- 2** To provide emotional support to individuals with latex allergy and their families.
- 3** To promote the establishments of policies in all health care facilities to care for patients with latex allergy.
- 4** To promote the minimization of latex exposure for employees of all health care facilities and industrial settings.
- 5** To promote research on the treatment and prevention of latex allergy.

Join the American Latex Allergy Association Today!

Your membership will help us to continue our Mission to create awareness of latex allergy through education and support of those with latex allergy.

You will receive the following benefits:

The ALERT Newsletter

A quarterly publication with a national focus, this newsletter can keep you updated on the issues surrounding latex allergy. The Newsletter is reviewed by medical and legal experts in the specialty of Latex Allergy.

Educational Resources

Items are available for purchase such as EMS & Resource Manuals, informational guides, warning stickers and vinyl clings.

Website

www.latexallergyresources.org

- A comprehensive collection of Resource and Educational materials on Latex Allergy
- Up to date information on issues in latex allergy
- Support and Networking with others with latex allergy