

Latex Allergies in the Workplace Quiz

1. Which of the following is NOT true about occupational latex allergy?

- (A) Latex allergy is caused by the reaction due to certain proteins present in latex
- (B) The amount of latex exposure that causes an allergic reaction is not yet known
- (C) In America, 8-12 % of health care workers are latex sensitive
- (D) Latex allergy is more likely to occur in winter

2. Which one of the following is NOT a symptom of latex allergy?

- (A) Dry, itchy and irritated skin
- (B) Rashes and skin blisters
- (C) Breathing problems
- (D) Indigestion

3. Workers are exposed to latex only through skin contact.

- (A) True
- (B) False

4. Which of these occupations is at risk for developing latex allergy?

- (A) Health care workers
- (B) Glove manufacturing workers, laboratory technicians
- (C) Estheticians, green house workers
- (D) Hair salon workers
- (E) All of the above

5. Can latex allergy be diagnosed?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

6. Can latex allergy be fatal?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

7. Which is the correct way to avoid exposure to latex at work?

- (A) Changing professions
- (B) Not wearing latex gloves and handling infectious material with bare hands
- (C) Using gloves made from non-latex material and keeping the areas contaminated with latex clean
- (D) Staying away from co-workers who are allergic to latex

8. I am sensitive to latex at work. How can I prepare myself for latex-safe emergency care?

- (A) Always wear a medical alert bracelet
- (B) Apply latex warning stickers at your worksite, at home and on the vehicle you drive
- (C) Talk to your allergist about the need for personal latex-safe medical supply
- (D) All of the above

9. Is there any provision for latex allergy compensation in the U.S.?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) The law differs with each jurisdiction

10. People with latex allergies often have serious food allergies.

- (A) True
- (B) False