

**BEST PRACTICE SURVEY OF CAPHC CENTRES
Allergy Policies**

ISSUE	QUESTION	BC Children's	CHU Sherbrooke	Credit Valley Hospital
Peanut Allergy Policy	Do you have a policy regarding peanut allergies within your institution?	Not currently but the need for a policy has been identified and staff have started to work on it. Currently no intent in the policy to create zones as per our Allergist.	Yes, for many years.	No Policies for peanut allergies
	<p>If YES, what are the general principals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. Have you created peanut-free zones within your institution? If yes, where? • Ex. Do you use signage to indicate peanut status in your food service areas (i.e. do you indicate that you can not guarantee food is peanut-free)? <p>If NO, do you plan on implementing one?</p> <p>If you are planning on implementing a peanut allergy policy, what are the general principals?</p>	We have guidelines for our food services.	<p>No food containing peanuts or nuts is permitted in all pediatric sectors (day medicine, PICU and the unit.</p> <p>Also, any food containing traces of peanuts or nuts is not allowed on the meal trays of these patients.</p> <p>However, few verifications are made (analysis of the nutritional label) from food coming from the patient's house/kitchen which may contain traces of peanuts or nuts.</p> <p>Upon admission in these three areas (day medicine, PICU and the unit), the presence of food allergy is documented for each patient</p> <p>A visual indication illustrating that the presence of peanut or nut is prohibited on the pediatric floor was placed at the beginning of the corridor of the unit, on the door of the day medicine unit and on the door of the pediatric intensive care.</p> <p>At the cafeteria of the hospital, no mention of the presence of allergen is indicated on the menu.</p>	
Policies for "Other" Allergies	<p>Do you have a policy for any other types of allergies?</p> <p>If YES, what are the allergies and what are the general principals?</p> <p>If NO, do you plan on implementing any policies?</p> <p>If you are planning on implementing new allergy policies, which are the allergies being targeted and what are the general principals?</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Not that I'm aware of.</p>	Upon admission of a patient under 18 years, we ask if the presence of a food allergy is known. If the answer is yes, then, the meals provided to these children are free of the specific allergen(s). In these cases, the meals are managed in a personalized way.	<p>Policy: All known food, drug and environmental allergies will be identified at time of registration and/or admission for all inpatients and outpatients and will be documented as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) page 6 of the registration screen b) Nursing Data Base, Patient Profile, Pre-operative Checklist; c) top of each Physician's Order Sheet d) Administrative Data screen of the Order Entry module. e) Patient Allergy Band <p>We also have a specific policy for management of patients with latex allergies/sensitivity.</p>

BEST PRACTICE SURVEY OF CAPHC CENTRES
Allergy Policies

ISSUE	QUESTION	Grand River Hospital	Janeway Children's Health & Rehabilitation Center	SickKids Toronto	Windsor Regional Hospital Pediatric Unit
Peanut Allergy Policy	<p>Do you have a policy regarding peanut allergies within your institution?</p> <p>If YES, what are the general principals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. Have you created peanut-free zones within your institution? If yes, where? Ex. Do you use signage to indicate peanut status in your food service areas (i.e. do you indicate that you can not guarantee food is peanut-free)? <p>If NO, do you plan on implementing one?</p> <p>If you are planning on implementing a peanut allergy policy, what are the general principals?</p>	No.	<p>Yes: It is included a Food Allergy Policy</p> <p>No peanut butter on any units</p> <p>No: food allergy status is communicated to our food services as a part of the diet request form We place signage on entrances to units if any type of allergy ie Food or airborne allergy patients or staff on present on the unit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No preparation of overt peanut/nut products (eg peanut butter) in hospital main kitchen Patient Food Services will not purchase products that contain overt peanut/nut ingredients (exception: peanut butter packets). Peanut butter will not be stocked in inpatient unit pantries Peanut butter will be available to children who are not allergic to peanuts in closed prepackaged containers, sent up on meal trays and peanut butter sandwiches then prepared in patient room. 	<p>No not at this time and we have not discussed this.</p> <p>We have not discussed this at this time, but this maybe something to consider in the future. Maybe you could see what the school systems have done around this issue as a good resource as well.</p>
Policies for "Other" Allergies	<p>Do you have a policy for any other types of allergies?</p> <p>If YES, what are the allergies and what are the general principals?</p> <p>If NO, do you plan on implementing any policies?</p> <p>If you are planning on implementing new allergy policies, which are the allergies being targeted and what are the general principals?</p>	No.	<p>Yes</p> <p>Any food allergy, Plant allergies, latex allergies, scent allergies</p> <p>If allergy present on the unit: type of allergy will determine the action, ie latex allergy, pt place in a single room. All equipment & products tendered are to include latex free requirements</p> <p>Food, -restricted from having that food on the unit</p> <p>Yellow signs placed at entrances</p> <p>If employee: permanent signage placed at entrances stating that an employee working in this area has an allergy to:, please do not bring (whatever) onto this unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently have a latex balloon policy (related to latex allergies) which states that latex balloons are banned throughout the institution. Mylar balloons, without strings, are allowed. Related latex allergy policies include Latex Allergy Patients – Medication Administration and Room Preparation for Latex Allergy Patient Currently have a draft policy titled Care of Patient with Suspected or Confirmed Latex Allergy. This document will provide direction to the Healthcare Provider in the management of known or suspected latex allergic or sensitive patients and provide a latex safe environment for the patients. 	<p>No we do not have an allergy policy for specific allergies. We handle food allergies with our dietary office and it is communicated to the dietary team, via computerized system and the medical staff by an allergy caution sheet at the front of the chart and it is also entering electronically.</p>

BEST PRACTICE SURVEY OF CAPHC CENTRES
Allergy Policies

ISSUE	QUESTION	Stollery Children`s Hospital Edmonton	Montreal Children`s Hospital
Peanut Allergy Policy	<p>Do you have a policy regarding peanut allergies within your institution?</p> <p>If YES, what are the general principals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. Have you created peanut-free zones within your institution? If yes, where? • Ex. Do you use signage to indicate peanut status in your food service areas (i.e. do you indicate that you can not guarantee food is peanut-free)? <p>If NO, do you plan on implementing one?</p> <p>If you are planning on implementing a peanut allergy policy, what are the general principals?</p>	<p>No, not a peanut specific allergy policy. We do have a 'generic' policy which addresses all allergies and adverse reactions (ADR) for inpatients.</p> <p>The 'generic' policy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of a 'caution' form that goes in the front of the patient chart. It is the main source for allergy & ADR information. • use of a yellow identification band indicating the patient has an allergy. It will be placed on the patient's limb. No specific allergy or ADR information will be included on the band. • A Patient Order Profile (POP) is the electronic application for capturing allergy/ADR information. Once information is obtained from the caution form and a yellow ID band placed on the patient, the POP is completed. A POP is created as soon as possible before patient care orders are processed and sent to pharmacy and/or dietary services. <p>Presently we are not planning on implementing a peanut allergy policy.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>The MCH does not have a peanut-free zone and we do not plan to have a policy singling out peanuts.</p>
Policies for "Other" Allergies	<p>Do you have a policy for any other types of allergies?</p> <p>If YES, what are the allergies and what are the general principals?</p> <p>If NO, do you plan on implementing any policies?</p> <p>If you are planning on implementing new allergy policies, which are the allergies being targeted and what are the general principals?</p>	<p>Latex Allergy Protocol</p> <p>In addition to the above, the following are also done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • latex allergy sign over the patient's bed, on the pt's door, and on the pt's chart. • Private room where possible • Latex-free kit from dispatch • Notify pharmacy about latex allergy • Cover injection ports of intravenous lines with tape and mark 'do not use' • Pediatric pts with spina bifida, urogenital anomalies, ongoing bladder routines should be documented as having known latex allergy even if no allergic response. Even though the children may not currently have symptoms of a latex allergy, precautions could help avoid future reactions. 	<p>The Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH) has a policy which covers peanut, milk, egg or sesame allergies. On registration at the ER or Admissions, all patients and their families are asked about allergies. If the patient has a food allergy, the kitchen is informed and the patient is given a red warning bracelet. When the patient is admitted, the nurse asks about allergies to food and medication and the ward secretary advises the kitchen. With a few minor exceptions, the hospital is latex-safe. As an extra precaution, patients with latex allergy, or at high risk for developing latex allergy, are identified and have a red bracelet and a latex-allergy sign on the bed. Pets are not allowed in the hospital. There are 2 therapeutic dogs, but they are hypoallergenic, spotlessly clean, and are only allowed in the Family Resource Centre.</p>