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**FGDP(UK) publishes guidelines on the management of latex
allergy in dentistry**

The British Dental Trade Exhibition (14th-16th October 2004 at London ExCel Exhibition Centre) will see the launch of the latest in the FGDP(UK)'s Good Practice Guidelines series: *Guidance for the Management of Natural Rubber Latex Allergy in Dental Patients and Dental Healthcare Workers*.

This publication is full of practical, evidence-based tips and details the importance of setting up and adhering to policies for the prevention and management of natural rubber latex (NRL) allergy. Demonstrating the Faculty's ongoing commitment to patient and professional care, this guidance presents the real need for correct protocols to protect individuals in the light of the increasing concern surrounding latex sensitivity. The importance of this issue was recently brought into focus by the award of significant compensation to a hospital nurse in Wales who suffered severe allergic reactions to latex gloves.

"When I viewed the first draft of this publication, I immediately realised its importance for all primary dental care workers; I was tempted to take that draft back to my own practice

and implement many of the protocols. This publication will help clinicians to make evidence-based decisions relating to natural rubber latex allergy and its implications for patients and dental healthcare workers.”

Mike Mulcahy
Dean, FGDP(UK)

The authors, Dr E Anne Field and Dr Lesley Longman, were assisted by a working group made up of experts in the areas of allergy, anaesthesia, dentistry and pharmacy. The publication has been partly sponsored by Regent Medical Limited, who produce latex-free products.

Guidance for the Management of Natural Rubber Latex Allergy in Dental Patients and Dental Healthcare Workers will be launched on at **12 o'clock on 15th October 2004** at the FGDP(UK) stand (B02) at the London Dental Showcase. Come to the stand to meet the authors and for the opportunity to win a FREE copy of all the FGDP(UK) Good Practice Guidelines.

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