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I would like to enter my comments on the proposed rules regarding medical gloves in the Federal Register Vol. 64, No 146 July 30, 21 CFR parts 801, 878 and 880 Docket No 98N-0313 RIN 0910-AB74.

General comments:

I would like to thank the FDA for proposing the rules relating to the adverse effects associated with medical gloves. My daughter and I both suffer from an allergy to Hevea natural rubber latex. We have had numerous reactions to airborne latex in medical facilities. One of these facilities has even gone to "powder-free" latex gloves and has "latex free" rooms for it's sensitized patients. Most recently my daughter had to be treated with inhaled corticosteroids as a result of a one hour visit to this facility. We are both excellent barometers for airborne latex and have had a very difficult time obtaining safe health care as a result of the use of powdered latex gloves.

As a result of our experiences I would request that the FDA ban the use of powdered latex gloves. I also would like to strenuously object to the term "powder-free" latex gloves as this lead users to believe that there is NO powder on these gloves. I believe that these should be regulations and not recommendations. These regulations should be implemented as soon as possible.

I would also add that latex gloves should not be allowed to be used in any food preparation.

Sincerely,

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