As many as 6-12% or up to 37 million people in the U.S. are sensitive to latex.\(^1\)

Of anaphylactic reactions in adult surgery, 12-40% are from latex allergy.\(^2\)

Studies show that history alone may not be sufficient for diagnosing latex allergy.\(^3\)

Healthcare workers who are regularly exposed to latex containing devices and products maintain an incidence of allergic response from 8-17%.\(^4\)

Patients or employees who experience latex reactions may attempt to secure compensation for injury due to latex exposure. Costs to hospitals, doctors, or nurses can be high:

- Average cost to obtain a malpractice defense verdict: $94,000\(^5\)
- Average malpractice punitive award: $22.6 million\(^6\)

See your local ICU Medical Critical Care Device Specialist to discuss pulmonary artery catheters without latex components.
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