

**ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC ALLERGOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY AND
“DRUGS AND LATEX ALLERGY” COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Italian Society of Pediatric Allergology and Immunology (SIAIP) was founded in 1996. SIAIP promotes evidence-based management of allergic children and disseminates information to patients and their families through a quite innovative website and the National Journal “Rivista Italiana di Allergologia Pediatrica” (RIAP). SIAIP has today nearly 1000 affiliates. SIAIP’s mission, through the Society Website (<http://www.siaip.it>), the National Journal (RIAP), and the Annual Meeting is to spread the immuno-allergological culture, to promote an evidence-based management of allergic children in Italy, and to provide information for patients and families with the support of electronic material. The SIAIP organizes committees producing monographs, documents, and recommendations (the most recent ones on pediatric anaphylaxis, use of SPT and in vitro tests for allergy diagnosis, specific immunotherapy and latex allergy). National guidelines on the approach to chronic urticaria in pediatric patients have also been recently produced in collaboration with the Italian Society

of Pediatric Dermatology and the Italian Society of Pediatrics. The “Drugs and latex allergy” committee has promoted this supplement where the various aspects of the perioperative allergic reactions are treated in 13 articles. We thank all the contributors of these articles.

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