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EE362: Wool alcohols ointment

Patient Information

Your patch test results indicate that you have a contact allergy to wool alcohols. This contact allergy may cause your skin to react when it is exposed to this substance although it may take several days for the symptoms to appear. Typical symptoms include redness, swelling, itching, and fluid-filled blisters.

Where are wool alcohols ointment found?

Wool alcohols ointment contains wool alcohols, cetylstearylalcohol, and white petrolatum. Wool alcohols are the principle component of lanolin, which is a natural product obtained from the fleece of sheep. It is found in steroid-containing creams/ointments, medicated shampoos, veterinary products, hand lotions, moisturizers, sunscreens, self-tanning creams, lipsticks, makeup removers, foundations, eye shadows, hairsprays, shaving creams, baby oils and products, printing inks, furniture and shoe polishes, lubricants, leather, and paper.

Cetylstearylalcohol is an emollient and lubricant found in facial creams, lotions, and hair conditioners.

How can you avoid contact with wool alcohols ointment?

Avoid products that list the following in the ingredients:

- Alkoholes lanae
- EINECS 232-430-1
- Lanae alcohols
- Lanolin alcohol
- Lanolin alcohols
- Wool alcohols

What are some products that may contain wool alcohols ointment?

Medicated shampoos

Hand lotions

Moisturizers

Sunscreens

Self-tanning creams

Lipsticks

Makeup removers

Foundations

Eye shadows

Hairsprays

Shaving creams

Baby oils

Printing inks

Furniture polishes

Lubricants

Leather

Paper

For additional information about products that might contain **wool alcohols ointment**, go to the Household Product Database online (<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov>) at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.