

AP996: Cetrimide

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Patient Information

Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to cetrimide. 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 is cetrimide found?

Cetrimide is a quaternary ammonium compound with antimicrobial and antistatic properties. Cetrimide can be found in personal care products and hair care products.

How can you avoid contact with cetrimide?

Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- Cetrimide
- Cetrimonium bromide
- Cetab
- Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide
- Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide
- N,N,N-Trimethyl-1-hexadecanaminium bromide

What are some products that may contain cetrimide?

- Cosmetics
- Hair Care Products

*For additional information about products that might contain **cetrimide**, go to the Household Product Database online (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.