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NA101: Ethyl hexyl glycerol

Patient Information

Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to ethyl hexyl glycerol. 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 ethyl hexyl glycerol found?

Ethyl hexyl glycerol is a skin-conditioning agent and a preservative booster for cosmetic preservatives. Ethyl hexyl glycerol can be found in various cosmetics, for example, (facial) moisturizers, sunscreens, shampoos, eye makeup removers, or deodorants.

How can you avoid contact with ethyl hexyl glycerol?

Avoid products that list the following in the ingredients:

- Ethyl hexyl glycerin
- Ethylhexylglycerin
- Octoxyglycerin
- 3-(2-ethylhexoxy)propane-1,2-diol

What are some products that may contain ethyl hexyl glycerol?

Personal care products

*For additional information about products that might contain **ethyl hexyl glycerol**, 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.