

Patient Information

Imidazolidinyl urea

Your TRUE TEST® indicates that you have a contact allergy to Imidazolidinyl urea.

Imidazolidinyl urea in contact with your skin may result in dermatitis. Brief or occasional contact may not pose a problem.

Imidazolidinyl urea is a preservative with broad spectrum of application, which is effective against bacteria, fungi and yeasts.

Where is Imidazolidinyl urea found?

Imidazolidinyl urea is found in cosmetics, shampoos and skin care products. Examples of cosmetic products and toiletries are lotions, creams, moisturizers, emollients, foundations, powders, concealers, bronzers, self-tanners, makeup removers, sunscreens, eye shadows, and mascaras. It is also found in liquid soaps, hair conditioners, gels, bubble baths, baby wipes, and over-the-counter and prescription topical medicines. Other sources of exposure include detergents dishwashing liquids, and cleaning agents.

How to avoid Imidazolidinyl urea

Avoid cosmetics and other personal care products with imidazolidinyl urea or its synonyms, particularly in stay on products. Rinse off products should involve less risk. It is important to use only ingredient-labeled cosmetics and other skin care products that do not list imidazolidinyl urea or any of its synonyms on the label. Products for household use are not yet labelled. Therefore if there is a suspicion that a household product is causing dermatitis, then the manufacturer will have to be contacted for specific advice. Products that were once tolerated may cause reactions due to change of formulation involving a different preservative. Therefore each new purchase must be checked.

Inform your healthcare providers that you are allergic to imidazolidinyl urea and ask



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that they use products that are free of this allergen.

If you suspect that you are being exposed to this allergen at work, consult your employer regarding Material Safety Data Sheets.

Synonyms/Components of Imidazolidinyl urea

Germall 115®

Bis(methylolhydantoin urea) methane

Other substances to which you may react

Many patients reacting to imidazolidinyl urea also react to diazolidinyl urea (Germall II®).

Some patients sensitive to imidazolidinyl urea are sensitive to formaldehyde and react to formaldehyde and formaldehyde releasing preservatives such as

- Benzylhemiformal
- Bromonitropropanediol (Bronopol®)
- Quarternium-15
- DMDM hydantoin
- Trimethylolnitromethan

The lists may not be complete.

When purchasing products which may come in contact with your skin, check the list of ingredients for any of the names listed above. If in doubt contact your pharmacist or physician.

This information does not substitute the information given by your health care providers and can only be seen as a supplement.