

## Allergy to Chlorocresol

### What am I allergic to?

You have been found to be allergic to **Chlorocresol**.

### What is Chlorocresol?

Chlorocresol is known technically as **4-chloro-3-cresol** and is used as a fungicide in creams, topical antiseptics, pharmaceutical products, protein shampoos, baby cosmetics and cooling fluids.

### What must I avoid?

Any product which contains the ingredient **4-chloro-3-cresol**, which may also be known as:

- Chloro-3-cresol
- 4-Chloro-3-methylphenol
- 3-Methyl-4-chlorophenol
- 2-Chloro-5-hydroxytoluene
- 6-Chloro-m-cresol
- 6-Chloro-3-hydroxytoluene
- Chlorocresol
- Ottafect
- p-Chloro-M-Cresol
- Parachlorometacresol
- PCMC
- Phenol, 4-chloro-3-methyl
- Preventol CMK

### Where can Chlorocresol be found?

Chlorocresol can be found in the following products/materials:

- Adhesives and glues
- Baby cosmetics
- Cooling fluids
- Cosmetics, shampoos and baby cosmetics
- Creams
- Inks, paints and varnishes
- Metalworking fluids
- Packing materials
- Pharmaceutical products, corticosteroid creams
- Tanning agents
- Textile finishes
- Topical antiseptics and disinfectants

This list is not exhaustive.

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