

Allergy to Lanolin (wool alcohols, hydrous wool fat, wool wax)



What am I allergic to?

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

What is Lanolin?

Lanolin is a substance produced by sheep to protect the fleece from the effects of weathering. It is removed after shearing, using detergents, and subsequently modified for use in various cosmetics, medical creams and bandages. It is an excellent moisturiser and protects the skin from water loss.

What must I avoid? The composition of lanolin varies considerably and you may not be allergic to all types. Hypoallergenic lanolin has had its wool alcohol and detergent concentration reduced and may be tolerated by those allergic to other lanolins. Hydrogenated lanolin is more likely to cause allergy. Amerchol L101 is a type of lanolin which may also cause allergy and is used for additional testing in some centres. Lanolin is also used in the industrial setting, in furniture polishes and waxes, leather, sealers for metal corrosion prevention, paper, inks, textiles, furs, cutting oil emulsions, ski wax and wire insulation.

Where can Lanolin be found?

Products containing lanolin include:

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| → E45 cream | → Calamine and coal tar ointment | → Soframycin ointment |
| → Oilatum emollient bath oil | → Ichthammol ointment | → Cicairin cream |
| → Oilatum Plus bath oil | → Zinc and Ichthammol cream | → Sterzac DC skin cleanser cream |
| → Oilatum fragrance-free bath oil | → Psorin ointment | → Veil cover cream |
| → Keri lotion | → Alphosyl HC cream | → Dermacolor camouflage cream |
| → Alpha-Keri bath | → Hydrocortisyl ointment | → Keromask cream |
| → Fucidin Intertulle | → Synalar ointment | → Coltapaste bandage |
| → Emmolate oil | → Synalar C ointment | → Sofratulle dressings |
| → Eucerin cream | → Synalar 1in4 ointment | → Salicylic acid and sulphur ointment |
| → Morhulin cream | → Metosyn ointment | → Salicylic acid 2% ointment |
| → Hewlett's cream | → Stiedex oily cream | → Efalith ointment |
| → Kamillosan ointment | → Ultralanum plain ointment | → Coppertone sunblock |
| → Drapolene cream | → Aureocort ointment | → Lasonil ointment |
| → Sudocrem | → Fucidin H ointment | |
| → Vasogen cream | → Aureomycin ointment | |
| → Sprilon spray | → Fucidin ointment | |
| → Calamine oily lotion | → Achromycin ointment | |

This list is not exhaustive.

Lanolin-free products include: liquid and white soft paraffin; emulsifying ointment; aqueous cream; diprobase cream/ointment; Unguentum M; Aveeno cream; Epaderm; hydrocortisone cream; Dermovate; Betnovate; Locoid; Cutivate; Elocon; Fucibet; Tarcortin; Bactroban; Daktarin; Boots' Covering Cream; RoC total sunblock; Viscopaste; Calaband; and Tarband.

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