EE354: Polyethylene glycol ointment

Patient Information
Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to polyethylene glycol ointment. 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 polyethylene glycol ointment found?
This ointment is found in topical medications used to treat mucosal surfaces such as skin, nose, lips, and ears.

How can you avoid contact with polyethylene glycol ointment?
Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:
- 1,2-Ethanediol homopolymer
- Alcox E 30
- Alcox E 100
- Alcox E 130
- Alcox E 160
- Alcox E 240
- Alcox E 45
- Alcox E 60
- Alcox E 75
- Alcox R 1000
- Alcox R 15
- Alcox R 150
- Alcox R 400
- Alcox SR
- Antarox E 4000
- Aquacide III
- Aquaffin
- Atpeg 300
- BDH 301
- Badimol
- Bradsyn PEG
- Breox 2000
- Breox 20M
- Breox 4000
- Breox 550
- Breox PEG 300
- CAFO 154
- CCRIS 979
- Carbowax
- Carbowax 100
- Carbowax 1000
- Carbowax 1350
- Carbowax 14000
- Carbowax 1500
- Carbowax 20
- Carbowax 200
- Carbowax 20000
- Carbowax 25000
- Carbowax 300
- Carbowax 3350
- Carbowax 400
- Carbowax 4000
- Carbowax 4500
- Carbowax 4600
- Carbowax 600
- Carbowax Sentry
- DD 3002
- Deactivator H
- Emkapol 4200
- Ethoxylated 1,2-ethanediol
- Ethylene glycol homopolymer
- Ethylene glycol polymer
- Gafanol E 200
- Glycols, polyethylene
- HM 500
- HSDB 5159
What are some products that may contain polyethylene glycol ointment?

**Topical Medications**

*For additional information about products that might contain polyethylene glycol ointment, 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.*