Patient Information

Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to 4-aminobenzoic acid. 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 4-aminobenzoic acid found?

4-aminobenzoic acid is a UV filter in sunscreens. It is also used in pill form to treat irritable bowel syndrome and in the manufacture of dyes and folic acid.

How can you avoid contact with 4-aminobenzoic acid?

Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- 1-Amino-4-carboxybenzene
- 4-27-00-07875 (Beilstein Handbook Reference)
- 4-Aminobenzoic acid
- 4-Carboxyaniline
- AI3-02436
- Acido p-aminobenzoico
- Acido p-aminobenzoico [Italian]
- Acidum paraminobenzoicum
- Amben
- Anti-chromotrichia factor
- Anticanthic vitamin
- BRN 0471605
- Bacterial vitamin H1
- Benzoic acid, 4-amino
- Benzoic acid, 4-amino-
- Benzoic acid, p-amino-
- CCRIS 6209
- Caswell No. 033B
- Chromotrichia factor
- EINECS 205-753-0
- EPA Pesticide Chemical Code 233300
- HSDB 6840
- Hachemina
- Kyselina p-aminobenzoova
- Kyselina p-aminobenzoova [Czech]
- NSC 7627
- PAB
- PABA
- Pabacyd
- Pabafilm
- Pabamine
- Papacidum
- Paraminol
- Paranate
- Potaba
- RVPaba Lipstick
- Romavit
- Rvpaba
- Sunbrella
- Super Shade by Coppertone
- Trichochromogenic factor
- Vitamin BX
- Vitamin H'
- p-Aminobenzoic acid
- p-Carboxyaniline
- p-Carboxyphenylamine
- para-Aminobenzoic acid

What are some products that may contain 4-aminobenzoic acid?
**Liquids/Creams:**
- Lanacane Maximum Strength Anti Itch Medication, Cream

**Sunscreens**

*For additional information about products that might contain 4-aminobenzoic acid, 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.*