



## Neomycin

Your patch tests indicate that you have a contact allergy to neomycin. This means that you should avoid contact with this substance in future.

Neomycin is an antibiotic found in creams, ointments, eardrops and eye preparations or, rarely, taken as a tablet. It may also be found in animal feed and veterinary products.

Neomycin is found in the following products:

- Otomize ear spray
- Otosporin ear drops
- Maxitrol ear drops and eye ointment
- Naseptin cream
- Neomycin cream
- Betamethasone and neomycin (cream and ointment)
- Clobetasol with neomycin and nystatin (cream and ointment)
- Synalar N cream and ointment
- Neomycin tablets

Neomycin is closely related to other antibiotics in the same aminoglycoside group which includes gentamicin and framycetin so these should be avoided too. Gentamicin can be given as an injected antibiotic and it is particularly important to avoid this as you may develop a widespread skin reaction.

Neomycin is found in trace amounts in some vaccines however current Department of Health advice is that people who have contact dermatitis to neomycin should go ahead with the vaccination. Only those with severe symptoms of anaphylaxis should avoid neomycin-containing vaccines.

**The list of products containing this allergen may not be complete and does not include items available outside the UK. Always check the ingredient listing on the product, package or package insert. Ingredient listings may change over time.**