



Polymyxin B

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

Polymyxin B is an antibiotic found in some creams, eye drops and ear drops. It may be a component of creams applied to wounds or after surgical procedures. Polymyxin B is closely related to polymyxin E which must also be avoided as this may cause your skin to react too.

Polymyxin B is found in the following products:

- Otosporin ear drops
- Polyfax eye ointment
- Maxitrol ear drops
- Maxitrol ointment
- Polyfax ointment
- Bacitracin with Polymyxin B ointment

Polymyxin E (Colisthemethate sodium or Colistin) is found in the following products:

- Colomycin injection and tablets
- Colistimethate sodium injections
- Promixin powder for nebulizer
- Colobreathe dry powder
- Specially formulated eye drops for resistant infections

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

