

## 26 Imidazolidinyl urea (Germall<sup>®</sup> 115)– Patient Information

Your T.R.U.E. TEST<sup>®</sup> indicates that you have a contact allergy to Imidazolidinyl urea (Germall<sup>®</sup> 115). 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.

Imidazolidinyl urea is used as a preservative in a variety of applications, most notably in personal care products and cosmetics. It is effective against a broad spectrum of bacteria, fungi, and yeast.

### Where is Imidazolidinyl urea found?



*At work*, you may find Imidazolidinyl urea in or around:

- Cleansers
- Liquid Soaps
- Cleaning Agents
- Moisturizers
- As a preservative in multiple products
- Burn remedies
- Shampoos
- Moisturizing lotions and creams
- Sunscreens
- Petcare products

If you suspect you are being exposed to this allergen at work, contact your employer regarding Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).



*At home*, you may find Imidazolidinyl urea in or around:

- Foundations, powders, concealers
- Eye makeup (liners, shadows, mascara)
- Facial makeup (blushes)
- Bronzes and tanning creams
- Makeup removers
- Cuticle removers
- Burn remedies
- Shampoos
- Moisturizing lotions and creams
- Body powders
- Sunscreens
- Cleansers and other skin care products
- Prescription topical medications
- After shave

### How can you avoid Imidazolidinyl urea?

- Check all skin care products, toiletries, soaps, and detergents (prescription and over-the-counter) for Imidazolidinyl urea or related ingredients. Do not use products that list these substances on the label or package insert. If there is no information, ask your pharmacist or the manufacturer.
- Inform your healthcare provider that you are allergic to Imidazolidinyl urea and ask that they use products that are free from this allergen.
- Avoid cosmetics and other personal care products with Imidazolidinyl urea or its synonyms, particularly in stay on products.
- Check each new purchase, products that were once tolerated may cause reactions due to change of formulation involving a different preservative.

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### What should you look for and avoid?

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

- Imidazolidinyl urea
- Imidurea
- Urea, N,N''-methylenebis(N'-(3-(hydroxymethyl)-2,5-dioxo-4-imidazolidin-yl) urea
- N,N''-Methylenebis(N'-(1-(hydroxymethyl)-2,5-dioxo-4-imidazolidin-yl)-

When purchasing products that may come in contact with your skin, check the list of ingredients for any of the names listed above. If in doubt contact your pharmacist or physician.

Because Imidazolidinyl urea is a formaldehyde releaser, you may also react to other formaldehyde-releasing substances such as Diazolidinyl urea, Formaldehyde, Bronopol, Quaternium 15 and Dimethyl dimethyl hydantoin.

### What are some products that may contain Imidazolidinyl urea?:

- Revlon Moon Drops Extra Gentle Cleanser
- Revlon Eterna '27' All Day Moisture Lotion
- Revlon Professional Cuticle Remover
- Freeman Botanicals Humectant Plus Intensive Conditioner
- Bath & BodyWorks Body Lotion-Flowering Herbs
- Neutrogena Intensified Eye Moisture 12 Hour Hydrating
- Old Spice Sensitive Soothing Gel After Shave & Moisturizer In One Gel
- Oil of Olay ProVital Night Cream
- Cover Girl Invisible Concealer
- Baby Magic, Baby Bath, Original
- Cover Girl Shimmer Eye Pen
- Ponds Dry Skin Cream
- Noxzema Skin Cream Pump Plus
- Cover Girl Smoothers Natural Lash and Browr
- Nilodor Natural Touch Moisturizing Conditioner for Pets

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### What are some similar products that do NOT contain Imidazolidinyl urea\*

- Almay anti aging day lotion
- Clinique advanced stop signs serum
- Laura Mercier night nutrition renewal creme
- Olay age defying daily renewal cleanser
- Olay body age transform body creme serum
- Aveeno clear complexion astringent
- Biore triple action astringent
- Clean & Clear advantage acne clearing astringent
- Mary Kay MKmen shave foam
- Neutrogena skin clearing shave cream
- Old Spice after shave
- Tom's of Maine shave cream - calendula

\*For additional information about products that might contain imidazolidinyl urea, 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.