Your patch testing results indicate that you have a contact allergy to COLOPHONIUM. It is important that you familiarize yourself with this chemical and take steps to avoid coming in contact with it.

What is COLOPHONIUM and where is it found?

Colophony is an amber-colored resin obtained from pine trees. It is a residue of the distillation of turpentine and it has wide application in adhesives, plasticizers, fabric, finishers, varnishes, waxes and in protective coatings of glossy and photographic papers. Further research may identify additional product or industrial usages of this chemical.

What else is COLOPHONIUM called?

This chemical can be identified by different names, including:
Colophonia resina, Gum rosin, Colophony rosin, Pine rosin, Disproportionated rosin, Rosin, Greek pitch, Wood rosin

This may not be a complete list as manufacturers introduce and delete chemicals from their product lines.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CONTACT ALLERGY

- **Be vigilant... read the product label.** Always take the time to read the ingredient listing on product packages. This should be your first step each time you purchase a product as manufacturers sometimes change product ingredients. If you have any concerns ask your pharmacist or your doctor.
- **Test the product first.** If you have purchased a new product you should test it on a small skin area to see if you get a reaction before using the product on larger skin areas.
- **Advise people you obtain services from of your contact allergy.** This should include people like your pharmacist, doctor, hairdresser, florist, veterinarian, etc.
- **Inform your employer if the source of your contact allergy is work related.** You should identify the specific source of the chemical and take the necessary steps to avoid further exposure. Protective wear may be adequate or you may need to make a change in your work activities. Both you and your employer benefit when the cause of your occupational dermatitis is eliminated.

If you have any future contact dermatitis concerns or questions, please call the doctor's office.
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