

## **Patient Information**

### **Gold Sodium Thiosulphate**

**Your TRUE TEST<sup>®</sup> indicates that you have a contact allergy to gold.**

Gold in contact with your skin may result in dermatitis. Brief or occasional contact may not pose a problem.

#### **Where is gold found?**

Gold sodium thiosulphate is a fairly common sensitizer with elicitation of symptoms linked to metallic gold in jewelry, in dental restorations (crowns, bridges, etc.) and gold-plated intracoronary stents. Various gold compounds and salts like sodium gold trichloride, sodium tetrachloroaurate dihydrate, gold hydroxide or gold oxide are used in the manufacturing of ruby glass and to color enamel and porcelain. In medicine gold compounds have been used to treat rheumatoid arthritis. Gold is also used in electronics manufacture.

#### **How to avoid gold**

Your doctor or dentist will tell you whether you have to avoid contact with gold dental restoration.

Minimize skin contact with gold colored enamel and porcelain.

If your skin reacts to gold jewelry silver or platinum may be an alternative.

If you suspect that you are being exposed to this allergen at work, consult your employer regarding Material Safety Data Sheets.

Inform your healthcare providers that you are allergic to gold.

## **What to look for**

### ***Synonyms for Gold Sodium Thiosulfate***

- Sodium Thiosulfatoaurate
- GST
- Gold, Aurum, Aurate

*The lists may not be complete.*

When purchasing products which 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.

*This information does not substitute the information given by your health care providers and can only be seen as a supplement.*