

Your TRUE TEST results indicate that you have a contact allergy to gold sodium thiosulphate. 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.

Gold sodium thiosulphate is a fairly common sensitizer with elicitation of symptoms linked to gold in jewelry, occupational exposure to gold, dental restorations, gold-plated intracoronary stents and previous rheumatoid arthritis treatment.

WHERE IS GOLD SODIUM THIOSULPHATE OR GOLD FOUND?

At work, you may find gold sodium thiosulphate or gold in or around:

- Electronics
- Gold-plating processes
- Medical and dental devices or implants

At home, you may find gold sodium thiosulphate or gold in or around:

- Gold or gold-plated jewelry
- Rheumatoid arthritis treatment
- Dental restorations
- Gold-plated intracoronary stents

HOW CAN YOU AVOID GOLD SODIUM THIOSULPHATE OR GOLD?

- Check all gold-appearing jewelry for a stamp that indicates the purity (1-999 or .1-.999) or the karat (10K, 14K, 18K, 22K, or 24K). Also avoid all gold-plated jewelry.
- Inform your healthcare providers, including dental providers, that you are allergic to gold sodium thiosulphate. Ask that they use products free from this allergen. Gold filling does NOT need to be removed unless significant oral disease is present and associated with a positive patch test.

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR AND AVOID?

Avoid products with the following names in the list of ingredients:

- Gold sodium thiosulphate
- Thiosulfuric acid, gold(1+) sodium salt (2:1:3)
- Gold trisodium bis(thiosulphate)
- Thiosulfuric acid (H₂S₂O₃), gold(1+) sodium salt (2:1:3)