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# Skin reactions to external agents

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If you have any concerns with your skin or its treatment, see a [dermatologist](#) for advice.

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