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Multiple Aspects of Contact Allergy

1. The likelihood of cross-elicitation reactions to 2-methyletoxy-*p*-phenylenediamine in *p*-phenylenediamine allergic individuals is associated with the strength of the original *p*-phenylenediamine patch test reaction. (*this thesis*)
2. The newly developed hair dye molecule 2-methyletoxy-*p*-phenylenediamine is not a safe alternative for *p*-phenylenediamine allergic consumers. (*this thesis*)
3. Patch testing with a pre-loaded patch tests such as the TRUE Test® gives more consistent results than patch testing with investigator-loaded patch tests. (*this thesis*)
4. For contact allergens with a steep dose-response curve, a small change in concentration can have a strong impact on diagnostic performance. (*this thesis*)
5. A definitive definition for polysensitisation in contact allergy should be decided on by the international research community in order to investigate susceptibility to contact allergy further. (*this thesis*)
6. As high rates of contact allergy to hydroperoxides of limonene and hydroperoxides of linalool have shown once again, we should always remain vigilant to new contact allergens – or existing ones not yet recognised as such. (*this thesis*)
7. The patch test concentration for hydroperoxides of limonene and hydroperoxides of linalool should be higher than the currently advised test concentration. (*this thesis*)
8. Patients should be advised to avoid contact allergens they reacted positively to, in order to evaluate whether the skin complaints disappear, but this advice should include a disclaimer that for weak positive reactions the threshold for an elicitation reaction might not be met during low grade exposure.
9. Clinical relevance depends too much on subjective information and patient participation to be considered a reliable outcome measure for research, and should be interpreted with the necessary caution.
10. Patch testing is less reliable as a diagnostic test in patients with atopic dermatitis.
11. Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth. (Marcus Aurelius)