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## An Easy Way to Find and Avoid Your Personal Rosacea Triggers





Reflectively controlled by following the medical therapy your doctor prescribes and eliminating environmental and lifestyle factors that may aggravate your condition or cause flare-ups of signs and symptoms.

Identifying those factors, however, is an individual process. What may cause a reaction in one patient may not in another. Your rosacea diary includes a daily checklist of the most common factors that trigger rosacea flare-ups in various patients (see inside back cover), and allows space to list other factors that may affect your individual condition. It has been developed to help you identify and avoid those factors that trigger or aggravate signs and symptoms in your individual case.

Use this diary every day over at least two weeks -- or for days when you experience a flare-up. Complete the form at the end of each day. Then look for items that seem to coincide with your rosacea flare-ups, and eliminate them wherever possible. If eliminating these factors minimizes your flare-ups, you have probably identified the trigger factors you should avoid to help keep your rosacea under control.

In surveys of rosacea patients who identified and avoided their personal rosacea triggers, more than 90 percent reported that their condition had improved. For tips on how to minimize or avoid the most common rosacea triggers, ask the National Rosacea Society for its free booklet, "Coping with Rosacea." Call the Society toll-free at **1-888-NO BLUSH**, e-mail your request to **rosaceas@aol.com**, or write the National Rosacea Society, 196 James Street, Barrington, Illinois 60010. The booklet is also available on the Society's Web site, **www.rosacea.org**.

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**Percent Affected** 

## **Potential Triggers**

81%		Sun Exposure
79%		Emotional Stress
75%		Hot Weather
57%	w	lind
56%	He	avy Exercise
52%	Alcoh	ol Consumption
51%	Hot Ba	aths
46%	Cold Weat	ther
45%	Spicy Food	ls
44%	Humidity	
41%	Indoor Heat	
41%	Certain Skin-	Care Products
36%	Heated Beverage	S
27%	Certain Cosmetics	
15%	Medications	
15%	Medical Conditions	
13%	Certain Fruits	
10%	Marinated Meats	
9%	Certain Vegetables	
8%	Dairy Products	

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