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Highlights

1. Silver is an ingredient in certain dermal and mucosal medical applications
2. Silver can deposit in the body as particles causing a discoloration called argyria
3. Silver is observed to have a low potential for skin irritation. Eye irritation and allergic contact dermatitis have been reported
4. Silver may cause genotoxicity, but additional data on its carcinogenic potential are required