

Precautions

- Family members or people who had been in close contacts with patient should also seek medical advice.
- The preparation contains flammable ingredients, keep the medication and treated hair away from heat sources, such as hair dryers.
- Do not share the medication with other people.
- Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Please consult your doctor if symptoms persist or worsen after using the medication.

What are the possible side effects?



The common side effects include skin itchiness, redness and rash of the scalp, conjunctivitis (if in contact with eyes), etc.

If you notice any severe skin irritation or allergic reactions like skin itchiness, face or hand swelling, breathing difficulty, etc., consult your doctor immediately.

How to store



- Keep out of reach of children.
- Store in a cool, dry place and away from direct heat and light.



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Malathion Lotion 0.5% (for Head Lice)



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What is Malathion Lotion



Malathion lotion is a liquid preparation to be applied on scalp and hair for the eradication of head lice and their eggs.



What are head lice



Head lice are tiny parasites that only live on the human head. They are usually found on the hair, most often around the hairline behind the ears or near the neck. Their eggs are white, yellow, brown or grey in colour, usually shiny, oval in shape, firmly attached to the hair shaft and can be found near the root of the hair under careful inspection. The most common symptom is tickling and itchy sensation on the scalp. Excessive scratching may cause bleeding or sores of the scalp, increasing the risk of skin infection.

The main route of transmission is through direct head-to-head contact with infested people or through sharing of personal items. Do not share personal items such as combs, hats, hair accessories, towels or pillows.

It is advisable to maintain good personal hygiene, wash hair regularly and thoroughly, and wash bed linen and clothing frequently.

How to use?



1. Shake the bottle thoroughly. Apply and rub the lotion onto dry hair and scalp until they are thoroughly moistened. Pay special attention to hair root, back of your neck, sideburns, fringe and the back of your ears.
2. Once the lotion is applied, allow your hair to dry naturally and remain uncovered. Keep the lotion on for 12 hours. Consider applying just before bedtime. Cover pillow(s) with a towel to prevent the medication from staining the pillow.
3. After 12 hours, wash your hair with shampoo that does not contain any conditioner and rinse thoroughly.
4. Comb your hair thoroughly starting from the hair root with a nit-removal comb while the hair is still wet, to remove all lice and eggs attached on the hair.
5. Normal hair drying routine can then be followed.
6. Within 2-3 weeks after the treatment, use the nit-removal comb every 2-3 days to check the hair for live lice to ensure all lice are gone.
7. If repeat application is required, use the medication as directed by your doctor or follow the instruction on the drug package.



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1. For external use only. Please seek medical advice immediately if ingested accidentally.
2. Use the medication as directed by your doctor.
3. If you have history of drug allergy, consult your doctor or pharmacist before using the medication.
4. Discard all medications that have expired or are no longer required.
5. Wear disposable gloves when applying the lotion to prevent irritation. Wash hands thoroughly after use.
6. Avoid contact with eyes. If the lotion accidentally gets into your eyes, wash immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice if necessary.
7. All hats, towels, pillows cases, beddings and clothing used by the patient before treatment should be washed separately from those of family members or other old age home residents in hot water (60°C or above) for not less than 10 minutes before re-use. Combs and items that are not resistant to heat can be soaked in a mixture of bleaching agent and water (in 1:1 ratio) for 30 minutes. Items that are not washable, such as pillow and mattress, can be stored in a sealed plastic bag for 2 weeks before re-use.