

## Precautions

7. Incubation period of scabies can last up to several weeks. Family members and carers should also seek medical advice.
8. The itchiness can last for up to 4 weeks even if the scabies has been treated. If symptoms persist or there are other changes in the skin, patient should seek medical advice immediately.
9. Avoid contact with eyes. If the lotion accidentally gets into eyes, wash immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice if necessary.
10. The lotion should not be used immediately after a hot bath.
11. Discard all medications that have expired or are no longer required.
12. Do not share the medication with other people.
13. Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
14. Please consult your doctor if symptoms persist or worsen after using the medication.
15. The lotion is used once under normal circumstances unless otherwise specified by doctor (e.g. for Norwegian scabies or crusted scabies).

## What are the possible side effects



- ※ The common side effects include skin itchiness, redness, stinging, burning and contact dermatitis, etc.
- ※ If you notice any allergic reactions like skin itchiness, face or hand swelling, breathing difficulty, etc., consult your doctor immediately.

## What if I miss a dose



Use the missed dose as soon as you remember. If symptoms persist, please seek medical advice.

## How to store



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

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# Permethrin Lotion 5% (for Scabies)



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## What is Permethrin Lotion



Permethrin Lotion is a liquid preparation to be applied on the skin for the treatment of scabies.

## What is Scabies



Scabies is a skin disease caused by a mite which is a parasite that burrows into, resides and reproduces in human skin. Scabies usually spreads through direct skin contact with the infested people. Their clothing and bedding may also carry the mites and eggs which will subsequently transmit the disease. Transmission within household and institutional setting is common.

People infested with scabies will present with intense itchiness which appears to be more severe at night or after a bath. The commonly affected areas include finger webs and skin folds of wrists, elbows, armpits, nipples, lower abdomen, external genitalia, buttocks and groins. Rashes, thread-like lesions or vesicles may be seen on the skin; face and scalp are usually spared.

## How to use



1. Take a warm bath or shower at night. Dry the body thoroughly.
2. Shake the bottle thoroughly before use.
3. Apply the lotion from the neck down to cover the whole body, paying particular attention to all skin folds, such as between fingers and toes, armpit, and groin, under finger and toenails. Avoid contact with broken skin and sensitive areas. Brush can be used to apply the lotion if needed.
4. For scabies affecting area above neck, also apply lotion to scalp, face, and outer skin of ears. Avoid contact with eyes.
5. Allow the lotion to dry (usually takes about 10 minutes) and then put on clean clothes. Do not wash your hands.
6. After 8 to 14 hours, wash off the lotion and clean the whole body with soap and warm water. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a clean cloth. Put on clean clothes afterwards.
7. The direction of use from different manufacturers may differ. Follow the instruction on the drug package or as directed by your doctor.



**Ask your family members or someone to apply the lotion for you if necessary. Wear disposable gloves before helping to apply the lotion.**

## Precautions

1. For external use only. Please seek medical advice immediately if ingested accidentally.
2. Use the medication as directed by your doctor.
3. Avoid direct skin-to-skin contact with others until treatment is finished.
4. If you have history of drug allergy, consult your doctor or pharmacist before using the medication.
5. During the treatment period, re-apply the lotion to the hands after each washing.
6. Patient's clothing, bed linen, pillow case, etc., should be washed separately from those of their family members or other old age home residents in hot water (60°C or above) for not less than 10 minutes to kill the mite and their eggs. For all non-washable personal items such as shoes, mattress, etc., seal them in a closed plastic bag for at least 7 days before they can be used as usual.

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