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FACTSHEET FOR PRIODERM®

Information for using PRIODERM® Cream Shampoo

However careful one is with regard to hygiene and cleanliness, both children and adults can catch head lice. Having head lice is nothing to be ashamed of, but it is annoying and uncomfortable.

To treat lice effectively, it is important to use a product that has proven itself and is known to be gentle. PRIODERM® Cream Shampoo has been clinically tested and meets all the requirements of a modern insecticide for fighting lice and nits (lice eggs). It contains malathion as its active ingredient. Malathion is a very strong contact poison that kills lice by damaging their nervous system. How quickly the lice are destroyed depends on the amount of the active ingredient. They are usually eliminated in a very short time. Any lice that survive the treatment will be so severely affected that they will no longer be able to reproduce and will die within the next few days.

Lice and live nits are found close to the scalp. Nits sticking to the hair more than 1 cm away from the scalp are either dead or empty. If you have longer hair, therefore, you do not need to use PRIODERM® Cream Shampoo like you would a normal shampoo, heavily lathering all your hair. Instead, restrict the treatment as much as possible to the hair close to the scalp. It is important, however, that the entire scalp area be treated intensively - especially behind the ears and in the neck area.

Even if their contents are dead or they are empty, lice eggs or nits remain attached to the hair. Dead nits are particularly difficult to remove from fine hair.

When to use Prioderm® Cream Shampoo

First, use a normal hair conditioning rinse and a nit comb to check whether there are any "live" lice on your head. These will be easily visible if this method is used.

If you find only nits in your hair, you should not use any treatment against lice at this stage (to avoid them building up resistance). Continue to use the method described above for checking your head, daily if possible, and remove any nits from your hair (this can also be done by hand). Use a louse insecticide only if you find "live" lice on your head.

How to use PRIODERM® Cream Shampoo

1. Moisten your hair with lukewarm water. Squeeze to remove excess water.
2. Depending on your hair type, take about one-half to one tablespoonful (about 15 ml) of PRIODERM® Cream Shampoo.
3. Rub it thoroughly into your entire scalp. Do not lather too heavily.
4. Completely cover the area behind your ears and at the back of your head.
5. Leave it to work for 10 minutes.
6. Rinse your hair thoroughly with clean lukewarm water and pat it with a towel to dry it slightly.
7. Comb your still damp hair thoroughly with a nit comb to remove the lice and nits.
8. Let your hair dry naturally in air (without using any heat, i.e., a hair dryer).

Repeat the treatment on the 7th and 14th day after applying it for the first time (e.g., first treatment on a Saturday, repeat on the following two Saturdays). Between treatments, comb your hair with the nit comb after applying a normal conditioning rinse. Complete treatment is only guaranteed after the third application (days 0, 7 and 14) and if all the nits are removed.

Important tips

Head lice are caught by direct head-to-head contact and only in rare instances by sharing hats, combs and so on. Studies have shown that there is no risk of lice leaving the head "voluntarily". Therefore, it is no longer necessary to change bed linen every day or to keep plush toys in the freezer for 24 hours - if you perform all the 3 treatments. Do not make a big effort about the lice! For your personal reassurance you can also take the following measures: any washable items that have been used can be washed once at 60°C; anything else can be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner or simply not used for two days. Head lice cannot jump or fly. It is not possible to catch them from pets, nor can they be passed on in swimming-pool water. We therefore recommend that you concentrate all your efforts on your head, not on your surroundings! Use the time at your disposal to check your head, removing any nits. It is important to remove them all, as this will ensure complete treatment.

Combs, brushes and other hair-care items can be soaked in hot (not boiling) water for 10 minutes.

Long hair should be kept tied back during a louse infection.