

BENZYL BENZOATE

INFORMATION ABOUT BENZYL BENZOATE

BENZYL BENZOATE is a phenylmethyl ester of benzoic acid, used to treat lice and scabies infestations. It is compounded in a stable emulsion to enhance its antiseptic activity. BENZYL BENZOATE is believed to be absorbed by the lice and mites and destroy them by acting on their nervous system.

BENZYL BENZOATE is indicated for the treatment of scabies (caused by pediculus capitis and Phthirus pubis) and pediculosis (caused by Sarcoptes scabiei); it is also indicated as insect repellent.

THE WAY TO USE BENZYL BENZOATE

Use BENZYL BENZOATE exactly as directed.

BENZYL BENZOATE should be applied to dry proper hair, scalp or skin, in sufficient quantity to wet the dry hair, scalp or skin.

Leave BENZYL BENZOATE on affected areas for 24 hours.

Remove BENZYL BENZOATE by washing thoroughly with soap or with regular shampoo and warm water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

Wash hands immediately after using.

In the treatment of lice, when hair is dry, comb with a fine-toothed comb to remove any remaining nits or nit shells. Treatment may be repeated 2 or 3 times, if necessary, for severe infestation.

In the treatment of scabies, treatment may be repeated any time within 5 days, if necessary, for severe infestation.

Pediatric dose:

To minimize the risk of irritation, dilute with water as follows,

Infants (<2 years): dilute with 3 parts water.

Children (>2 years): dilute with an equal quantity of water.

Pregnancy: one application for a maximum duration of 12 hours.

Lactation: breast feeding should be suspended during treatment.

Elderly: skin of older people may be more susceptible to the drying and irritating effects of benzyl benzoate. Another treatment is recommended.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Do not use this medication in case of hypersensitivity to any component of the drug and in case of inflammation of the skin.

Precautions

-Avoid contact with the eyes and mucous membranes.

-Other members of household and close contacts should be treated to avoid spreading of infestation.

-To help prevent reinfestation or spreading of the infestation, all recently worn clothing and used sheets, pillowcases and towels should be washed in very hot water or dry-cleaned.

-Do not use this drug on open wounds to minimize systemic absorption.

-Itching due to circulating antigens from scabies may persist for up to 2 weeks after successful treatment; use of a topical corticosteroid is recommended.

SIDE EFFECTS

BENZYL BENZOATE is irritant to the eyes and mucous membranes and may be irritant to the skin.

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported.

When ingested, BENZYL BENZOATE may cause stimulation of the central nervous system and convulsions.

Treatment of poisoning involves aspiration, lavage and appropriate symptomatic measures.

STORAGE

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 30°C), protected from sunlight and humidity, beyond the reach of children.

The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

BENZYL BENZOATE APPLICATION is meant for external use only.

SHAKE BOTTLE WELL BEFORE USE.

PACK PRESENTATION

BENZYL BENZOATE 25% lotion: Bottle of 100 ml.

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