



THE FACTS ON HEAD LICE

Question & Answer Sheet



Q How do I know if my children have head lice?

A The tell-tale signs to look for are an itching scalp, the lice themselves, whitish specks near the root of the hair (nits) or a fine black powder on pillows. In case you're confused, lice move around on the scalp and hair, while nits, which are the eggs containing unborn lice, are affixed to the hair close to the root.

Q If my child has head lice, is poor personal hygiene the cause?

A No. Head lice can't tell if hair is clean or dirty. And they don't care if it's brown or blonde, long or short, straight or curly.

Q Are head lice contagious?

A Yes, definitely. But they can't jump from head to head and they can't fly. The only way they can be transmitted is by direct contact (heads touching) or indirect contact (a hat passed around which has been worn by a person with head lice).

Q Is the person with head lice the only one who needs treatment?

A Maybe. All members of the family should be inspected to make sure no lice or nits are present. If there is any evidence of head lice, that person should also be treated with a product like BANLICE® Mousse. And it's only fair to notify your child's teacher and the parents of friends... alert anyone he or she has been in contact with during the two weeks prior to discovering the outbreak.

Q Is there anything else I should do?

A Yes. Wash all items that have touched your child's head in very hot water. That means sheets, pillowcases, brushes, combs, scrunchies and hair ribbons. Any hats or clothes that are not washable should be wrapped securely in a plastic bag and left sealed for about two weeks.

Q Will the nits fall out after treatment?

A No such luck. A special protein virtually 'glues' the nits to the hair follicles and there's no product that can dislodge them. To get rid of them, use a fine-toothed comb or your fingernails. It's difficult, but must be done!



THE SOLUTION – BANLICE® MOUSSE

BANLICE® Mousse is one of the best products for children because as a mousse, it's easy to use and control. So it minimises the chance of excess liquid dripping in their eyes. Unlike some other head lice products, BANLICE® Mousse has a pleasant smell and leaves no residue when it's washed off. BANLICE® Mousse is a clinically proven, effective and easy solution to troublesome head lice and nits.

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