**WHAT IS BENZYL BENZOATE LOTION?**

The active ingredient in Benzyl benzoate lotion is benzyl benzoate.

**WHY HAVE YOU BEEN PRESCRIBED OR RECOMMENDED BENZYL BENZOATE LOTION?**

Scabies is a skin infestation caused by a microscopic mite. The mite burrows under the skin and causes severe itching. Pediculosis is an infestation of the head, body or pubic area by lice.

Benzyl benzoate lotion kills both mites and lice.

If you need further information on any of these conditions, please ask your doctor.

**BEFORE APPLYING BENZYL BENZOATE LOTION**

If the answer is yes to any of the questions, you should discuss the matter with your doctor or pharmacist before applying Benzyl benzoate lotion.

- Are you sensitive or allergic to benzyl benzoate or any other inactive ingredients listed above?
- Are you pregnant?
- Are you breastfeeding?

**WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD I TAKE WHEN APPLYING BENZYL BENZOATE LOTION?**

The lotion is irritating to the eyes. Protect your eyes during application. The lotion may damage plastic or acrylic bathroom furniture. Care should be taken not to splash the lotion on such surfaces.

**HOW SHOULD BENZYL BENZOATE LOTION BE APPLIED?**

Shake the bottle well before use.

**Adults**

Scabies (mites)

ALL members of your household should be treated to prevent infestation recurring.

After a hot bath and drying, apply the lotion to the whole body except the face and the head. You may find it easier to apply using a paintbrush.

Special attention should be paid to:

- wrists, ankles, armpits, buttocks and groin area
- webs of the fingers and toes and under nails

Then allow the lotion to dry, which usually takes about 10 minutes in a warm room.

It is desirable to put on clean underclothing and to have clean night garments and bed linen. Discarded clothes and linen are effectively disinfected by the ordinary process of washing and ironing.

If the application is thorough, one treatment is normally enough but a second application within five days will reduce the chance of any infestation remaining.

Alternatively, Benzyl benzoate lotion can be applied to the whole body, except the head and face, on three occasions at 12 hourly intervals.

You should have a hot bath 12 hours after the last application and change to clean clothes and bed linen. Discarded clothes and bed linen should be washed.

Pediculosis (Lice)

The affected area should be coated with the lotion, as above. Wash off after 24 hours with soap and water. In severe cases this procedure may need to be repeated two or three times.

A further examination should be carried out a week after the last application to confirm that the lice have been killed.

**Children and babies**

Dilute the lotion before application with an equal quantity of water for older children and with 3 parts of water for babies.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF THE LOTION IS ACCIDENTALLY SWALLOWED?**

Contact your doctor or nearest hospital casualty department immediately.

**DOES BENZYL BENZOATE LOTION HAVE SIDE EFFECTS?**

Benzyl benzoate lotion may cause mild skin irritation or a short lived burning sensation. This side effect may be more severe in sensitive patients. If the effect is severe, the lotion should be washed off immediately with soap and water.

Excessive application of the lotion has been reported to cause:

- difficulty in passing urine
- fits or convulsions in infants

If either of these occur, wash off the lotion and contact your doctor immediately. All medicines may have unwanted effects which are not mentioned in the product leaflet. If you notice any other changes in your health whilst taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

**EXPIRY DATE**

You should not use the lotion after the expiry date. If you are not sure when this is, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

The expiry date can be found on the box and bottle label. It starts with the letters "EXP". In both places the date is written as the month number, followed by the last two numbers of the year. For example 03-97 means that the expiry date is the end of March 1997.

**STORAGE**

Keep your lotion in a safe place and out of reach of children.

Store below 25°C

REMEMBER: This lotion is only for your household. It may harm other people even if their symptoms appear the same as yours.