Pediculosis Pubis

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Module 1: STD Question Bank
Lesson 20: Pediculosis Pubis

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Table 1. 2021 STI Treatment Guidelines: Ectoparasitic Infections
Treatment of Pediculosis Pubis

Recommended for Treatment of Pediculosis Pubis

Permethrin 1% cream rinse
applied to affected areas and washed off after 10 minutes

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Pyrethrin with piperonyl butoxide
applied to the affected area and washed off after 10 minutes

Alternative for Treatment of Pediculosis Pubis

Malathion 0.5% lotion
applied to affected areas and washed off after 8–12 hours

Alternative for Treatment of Pediculosis Pubis

Ivermectin
250 µg/kg body weight, orally, repeated in 7 to 14 days

Source: Workowski KA, Bachmann LH, Chan PA, et al. Sexually transmitted infections treatment guidelines, 2021. Ectoparasitic infections. MMWR Recomm Rep. 2021;70(No. RR-4):1-187. [2021 STI Treatment Guidelines]