

# 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](#)]

