Ectoparasitic Infections

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References


2015 STD Treatment Guidelines
Table 1. 2015 STD Treatment Guidelines: Ectoparasitic Infections
Treatment of Scabies

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<td><strong>Lindane (1%)</strong></td>
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<td><em>1 oz of lotion or 30 g of cream applied in a thin layer to all areas of the body from the neck down and thoroughly washed off after 8 hours</em></td>
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Retreatment 2 weeks after the initial treatment regimen can be considered for those persons who are still symptomatic or when live mites are observed. Use of an alternative regimen is recommended for those persons who do not respond initially to the recommended treatment.