

## Common Over the Counter and Prescription Pediculosis Products

### It is important to...

- Remember... **Head Lice cannot be prevented** by treating a person before they actually have Head Lice.
- Remember... **Not** all products are used in the same way.
- Know the product you are using; is it a shampoo or a rinse?
- Always Read and Follow product directions.
- Follow the product directions and re treat only within the recommended time frame.

Pediculicide	Brand Name	Ovicidal Activity	Application	Advantages	Disadvantages
Permethrin	Nix	High	Crème rinse	Low toxicity Residual Ovicidal activity. Non Prescription	Possible resistance. Allergic reaction risk
Pyrethrin	Rid Clear R&C Pronto	Low	Shampoo	Low toxicity Non Prescription	Possible resistance. No residual Ovicidal activity. Allergic reaction risk
Lindane	Kwell	Low	Shampoo	None	CNS Toxicity Known resistance No residual Ovicidal activity <b><u>DO Not</u></b> use with Pregnant or nursing mothers
Malathion	Ovide	High	Apply to dry hair; leave on 12 hours	Kills lice and eggs Residual effect	Prescription only smells bad. flammable