

Essential drugs / Drugs for external use, antiseptics and disinfectants

BENZYL BENZOATE, lotion

Therapeutic action

- Scabicide

Indications

- Scabies (preferably use 5% permethrin cream for this indication)

Forms and strengths

- 25% lotion

Preparation and use

- Shake the bottle before application or dilution.
- Dilute the lotion, as required, according to age. Use drinking or boiled water.
- Apply the lotion to the whole body, including scalp, postauricular areas, palms of the hands and soles of the feet, paying particular attention to skin creases and interdigital web spaces. Leave on for recommended contact time, then rinse thoroughly with water.
- In children under 2 years: wrap hands to avoid accidental ingestion and contact with eyes.

	Child < 2 years	Child 2 to 12 years	Child > 12 years and adult	Pregnant woman
Preparation	1 part of 25% lotion + 3 parts of water	1 part of 25% lotion + 1 part of water	Undiluted 25% lotion	Undiluted 25% lotion
Contact time	12 hours (6 hours in children < 6 months)	24 hours	24 hours	12 hours
Number of applications	One application only	Two applications (e.g. 24 hours apart, with a rinse between the two applications; or two		One application only

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Contra-indications, adverse effects, precautions

- Do not apply to broken skin (risk of systemic absorption), the face or mucous membranes.
- May cause: burning sensation; contact dermatitis in case of repeated applications; seizures in the event of marked transcutaneous absorption; rarely: hypersensitivity reactions.
- Avoid contact with eyes. In case of accidental contact, flush immediately with plenty of water.
- Pregnancy: no contra-indication
- Breast-feeding: no contra-indication. Do not apply to the breasts.

Remarks

- Close contacts should be treated at the same time regardless of whether they have symptoms or not. Decontaminate, after each treatment, the clothes and bed linen of patients and close contacts: wash ≥ 60 °C and dry in the sun, or leave in direct sunlight or seal in a plastic bag for 72 hours.
- Itching may persist for up to 4 weeks after the end of treatment (allergic reaction to dead parasites). Do not re-treat during this period. The treatment may be repeated if specific scabies lesions (scabious burrows) are still present after this period.
- Prepare dilution in a glass container. The lotion may damage certain plastics.
- Storage: below 25 °C - ~~⚡~~