

## Reference Table For Head Lice Treatment cont.

Permethrin and pyrethrin products are commonly used, FDA approved, treatments for head lice. Lindane and malathion are also FDA approved for treatment of head lice. All other products have been reported in the literature to provide possible benefit in the treatment of head lice, but are not FDA approved for such use.

Brand Name	Chemical Name	FDA Approved Use	Dosage	Side Effects	Precautions
Stromectol	Ivermectin	Not FDA approved for treatment of head lice, however, some preliminary studies have shown this product may have pediculicidal effects <sup>1</sup> .	Dosage: 100-200 mcg/kg single dose, by mouth, in children 5 years of age and up.	Vertigo, nausea or vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, fatigue, rash, headache, fever, joint aches.	If pregnant or breast feeding, consult health care provider for instructions if using treatment on self or children. Do not take if hypersensitive to ivermectin. Do not exceed recommended dose.

<sup>1</sup>Beckwith, C. Head Lice: New and Improved? *Pharmacist's Letter*. 1999 Therapeutic Research Center, Inc.