

## **Information Leaflet**

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## LIQUID GEL



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# A Liquid Gel for the eradication of head lice and eggs.

You can use this product to treat your family without seeing a doctor, but use it carefully to get the best results.

## Read all this leaflet carefully before you start using this product.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- If you notice any side effects listed in section 4 or any other side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

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## About head lice

- Head lice vary in size according to their age. They
  may be between 1/2 mm and 3mm long (from the
  size of a printed full stop up to the size of a sesame
  seed). Head lice can be difficult to spot because they
  can match their colour to that of the environment.
- Lice live close to the scalp where they feed on blood and this can cause the scalp to itch.
- Head lice cannot jump, fly or swim and can only be acquired by direct head to head contact. This is why lice are commonly found on the heads of children and why it is important to check the heads of all the family members when head lice are found.
- Head lice only live on humans and have no preference for clean or dirty hair.

 Once a louse has hatched, the empty case (known as a nit) will remain glued to the hair shaft. Nits are completely harmless and can be removed with the fingers or a fine toothed comb.

# 1 What is Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel and what does it do?

Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel is a colourless liquid which is highly effective against head lice and eggs.

It works by physically smothering the lice and also contains Penetrol<sup>™</sup> which helps the product to penetrate louse eggs in order to kill them. The gel can safely be used as often as required without lice developing resistance.

## 2 Before using Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel

#### Do not use Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel:

- If you are **allergic** to any of the ingredients listed.
- Do not use on broken skin.
- Do not use on children under 6 months.

#### Take special care with Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel:

- Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel is slippery. Baths, shower cubicles, etc., may become slippery when using or washing the hair. Take care. Wash any residues away with detergent and warm water.
- For external use only.
- Avoid contact with the eyes. If the gel accidentally comes into contact with your eyes, flush with plenty of water. If irritation persists seek medical advice.
- If accidentally swallowed consult a doctor as soon as possible. Take the pack with you to show which product you have swallowed.

#### Use in pregnancy and breastfeeding:

None of the ingredients of Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel are considered likely to cause any unwanted effects if used during pregnancy or breastfeeding.

#### Use by children:

The gel is suitable for adults and children aged 6 months and over.

#### Driving and using machines:

Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel does not affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. However, surfaces which come into contact with the gel may become slippery and unless hands are washed thoroughly after use it may affect your grip.

### 3 How to use Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel

• Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel is suitable for adults and children aged 6 months and over.

#### Please note:

- Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel has been specially formulated with non-volatile ingredients.
   However, normal safety precautions should be observed. Hair and clothing should always be kept away from naked flames and other sources of ignition.
- If a member of the family has live head lice, check the other family members and treat all other cases of live head lice which are discovered at the same time.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

- Cover the shoulders with a towel.
- SHAKE THE BOTTLE WELL BEFORE EACH USE.
- Apply sufficient gel evenly over DRY hair, to ensure that the scalp and hair are fully covered and the hair is SATURATED.
- Work into the hair with the fingers or an ordinary comb spreading the gel thoroughly and evenly from the roots to tips.
- Leave on the hair for at least 15 minutes (or longer if more convenient).
- Apply shampoo directly to the entire surface of the hair without first wetting it, shampoo thoroughly then rinse with water. Repeat the process, then apply conditioner, rinse and dry. Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel contains anti-foaming ingredients so the shampoo will not lather readily. If necessary, repeat the whole procedure remembering to apply shampoo directly to dry hair.

## 4 Possible side effects

When using Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel, flaking of the scalp, itching and slight irritation around the eyes may occur. Do not continue using Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel if a skin rash or other signs of **allergy** occur. Wash skin with soap and water and seek medical advice.

If you notice any of these or other side effects, stop using the product and talk to a doctor or pharmacist.

### 5 Storing Hedrin® Once Liquid Gel

- If accidentally spilled Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel may be a slip hazard.
- Keep out of reach and sight of children.
- Keep in original carton.
- Store below 25°C.
- Do not use after the expiry date shown on the pack.
- After use, the empty pack can be recycled.

## 6 Further information

#### What Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel contains:

Hedrin<sup>®</sup> Once Liquid Gel contains Dimeticone 100,000cst 4%w/w. Dimeticone is not a chemical poison. It also contains Penetrol<sup>™</sup>, silicone oils and thickeners.

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