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Common Questions About Pediculosis

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Here are answers to some of the most Common Questions Regarding Pediculosis

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Pediculosis, also known as headlice, is a very common condition throughout the world. Head lice infestation can be found in every country, culture, and social class, almost without exception. Below you will find some of the most commonly asked questions about pediculosis -head lice.

What exactly is pediculosis?

Pediculosis is a condition of infestation by very small insects that can be found on the heads of humans.

Just how common is lice infestation?

Pediculosis is very common; actually, it has been estimated that 1 out of every 10 children will have head lice at some point in their lives.

Are my children at risk for getting head lice?

Unfortunately, anyone who has close contact with someone who is already infested with head lice is at risk of getting head lice.

I'm not sure of what I am looking for when I examine my child's head. What do head lice look like?  
When examining someone's head for a pediculosis infestation, you will be looking for three different types of lice:

**Nits:** The eggs are often hard to see, but you will find them attached to the hair shaft. They are very small and oval-shaped.

**Nymph:** These are baby lice, and they will look like a smaller version of the adult. Once the nymph has reached maturity, it will look like an adult.

**Adult Lice:** The adult lice are approximately the size of a very small seed, and tend to be grayish-brown in color.

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