

SURGERY POLICY FOR THE TREATMENT OF HEADLICE

PREVENTION IS PREFERABLE TO TREATMENT

PREVENTION

Everybody should use a detector comb on wet hair once a week, and regularly brush or comb the hair twice daily with their own brush or comb.

If carried out regularly, this action should substantially reduce the risk of becoming infected.

TREATMENT

The most effective treatment is to wet comb hair twice daily using a fine toothed or detector comb.

Children

If the family *cannot* perform the above action, then it may be possible for Doctor to prescribe an appropriate lotion for application to the affected person(s). He will need to see the child (or at least speak to the parents) if he is to prescribe.

Adults

The recommendation is that adults should purchase the current recommended lotion from a Pharmacist, although in some circumstances it may be possible for a prescription to be given. (Doctor will make this decision)

It is important to stress that the whole family should be checked at the same time if any member is found to be infested, and all those infested be treated. If this is not done, the infestation will not be eradicated, but continue to spread.