

Pubic Lice

What is it?

Pubic lice is an infection of small insects that look like crabs. They crawl under the skin and bite causing the pubic area to be exposed to bacteria. Moreover, pubic lice can cause irritation and itching. Pubic lice can affect anyone worldwide, any race, and any gender. It affects all levels of society. The pubic lice will also lay eggs on the hair shaft of the pubic area.

How is it passed?

Pubic lice can be transmitted through the pubic hair from one person to another usually during sexual intercourse. You can also get pubic lice from clothing or bedding.

Possible symptoms.

Pubic lice can be more irritating during night when the crabs are awake and more active. They borrow into the skin and feed off of human blood. Pubic lice can bite and cause the infested area to become inflamed and discoloured. Scratching the pubic lice can cause further infections and can also spread the pubic lice. A person may not have any symptoms for two to four weeks until the eggs hatch.

How do you know you have it?

You start to notice a strong itching irritation in the pubic area. You can see pubic lice with the naked eye. Pubic lice looks like a small grey crab. If you see something and you're not sure of what it is go to a doctor and have it checked out.

Common treatments.

Treatment for pubic lice includes a lice-killing lotion containing 1% permethrin or a mousse containing pyrethrins and piperonyl butoxide. You can get these from a local drugstore with a prescription. Side effects of this cream can be redness and itching. It can also cause a mild sting or burn.

Natural treatments.

You can use neem leaves. Take the neem leaves and form a paste by adding a little water and squishing it together. Apply the thick paste to the pubic area and wait for it to dry. Scrub off with a brush then wash with lukewarm water. You can get neem leaves from local grocery stores, they cost from around \$7.00 - \$13.00. This is not a drug and you don't need a prescription.