

Smart Facts About Lice

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Perspectives on Treating Head Lice

Seasons

Seasons come and go. But soon, children will return to school with their pencils, note books, lunch boxes and the wonderful little friends they have acquired over the summer:

What will they be exposed to?

Rid Nix

What about the poisons in these products? How dangerous are they? We know that lice have become immune.

How should you cope with this problem as a parent? As a health care professional?

Lindane & Ovide

Lindane & Ovide are nerve toxins. They kill by attacking the central nervous system. But lice don't have a central nervous system for 5 days or so, after they hatch. They live on and re-infest the host. They've been banned for use on farm animals, but are allowed for use on children.

Not a healthy thought.

On The Danger Of Poisons

The 2 poisons used in most over the counter lice treatments are Pyrethrins and Permethrins. Pyrethrins are a natural poison distilled from the Chrysanthemum Daisy. The Permethrin is a stronger, synthetic version.

The purpose of a poison is to kill. We all know that these poisons can be dangerous, but what kind of effects have there been?

Link between Pyrethroids and Breast Cancer

Several studies link Permethrins and pyrethroids to brain cancers, thyroid problems, "behavioral disturbances and learning disabilities."

Other studies indicate Pyrethroids disrupt the endocrine system by mimicking the effects of the female hormone estrogen. This can cause breast cancer in women and lowered sperm counts in men.

When estrogen levels are elevated, old cells are not removed from the body and "cell proliferation" (rapid growth) occurs, whether benign or malignant.

According to the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, these findings suggest that Pyrethroids should be considered to be hormone disrupters.

According to medical studies at the University of Greifswald Pyrethrins and Pyrethroids can also be linked to a "Disruption of male sex hormones".

We are being exposed to more and more chemicals poisons everyday. The human body wasn't made for the sheer volume of poisons it's being exposed to. Our bodies can handle small amounts of some natural poisons - today we are over run with them.

"The purpose of poison is to kill. Poisons don't differentiate between insects or children."