

Scabies

Follow-up Advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply the insecticide twice, with applications one week apart• Itching may persist for 2-3 weeks after successful treatment. During this time no new lesions should develop.• If treatment fails, patients should be advised to refer to their GP.
Counselling Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simultaneously (within 24h) treat all members of the household, close contacts, and sexual contact with a topical insecticide (even in the absence of symptoms)• Consider symptomatic treatment for itching• Machine wash (at 50°C or above) clothes, towels, and bed linen, on the day of application of the first treatment• Advise to avoid close body contact with others until their partners and close contact have been treated• Infection only spreads through direct skin-to-skin contact with another human being• Incubation is usually 4-6 weeks in patients without previous exposure