

SCABIES

Q What is scabies?

A Scabies is caused by a small mite that burrows under a person's skin to lay its eggs. It makes the skin very itchy. Because it is very itchy, it can make you scratch, which can cause a skin infection.

Skin infections can make you very sick and can lead to sick heart or sick kidneys.

Q How does it spread?

A Scabies is spread by skin contact with other people (more than just a quick handshake). Scabies is also spread from shared bedding, towels or clothes.

Q How is it treated?

A Scabies can be treated taking oral tablets or applying skin cream on your body.

For the tablets dosing will be based on body weight.

Q What if I have a bad reaction to the medication?

A If you experience severe skin reaction, develop a new rash, swelling of the eyes or lips, or difficulty breathing, go to the emergency department or local health service.



TABLETS
(Ivermectin)



CREAM
(Lyclear®)

Q What are the side effects of ivermectin?



ITCH



FEELING SICK



HEADACHE



JOINT PAINS



FEELING DIZZY



FEELING TIRED

SCABIES

Q What are the side effects of Lyclear®?

A The most common reaction is that the scabies itch can get worse. Some people may experience a stinging, tingling or burning feeling of the skin or their skin may become red, but this is very rare.



**STINGING OR
TINGLING SKIN**



RED SKIN

Q How do I prevent scabies?

A Scabies is an extremely hardy and tiny mite. It is important to remove scabies from your household with these measures.



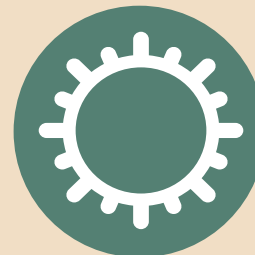
WASH

Wash linen, clothing and towels. A hot washing machine cycle will kill scabies mites.



DRY

Put laundry in a dryer or hang them out in the sun.



SUN

Place mattresses and pillows outside in the sun for the day.



VACUUM

Vacuum inside your house and car (including carseats) to remove any mites.



TREAT YOURSELF

Take treatment (tablet or cream) to get rid of scabies.



TREAT YOUR MOB

Encourage everyone at home to take treatment to get rid of scabies.



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