Benzyl benzoate

Indication: Pediculosis corporis  [ICD11 code: 1G00.1]

INN: Benzyl alcohol

Medicine type: Chemical agent

List type: Core

Formulations: Local > Topical > Lotion: 25%

EML status history:
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 1997 (TRS 882)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

Sex: All

Age: Also recommended for children

Age restriction: > 2 years

Therapeutic alternatives: Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used

Patent information: Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

Wikipedia: Benzyl benzoate

DrugBank: Benzyl benzoate

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of benzyl benzoate lotion, with a square box, on the core list of the EMLc as a topical scabicide and pediculicide. The age restrictions on the use of benzyl benzoate were recognized as a problem, however the addition of these to the Model List may provide an incentive for further development of preparations suitable for younger children (particularly < 2 years of age). Alternatives for this age group need to be considered for addition to the list.