### Benzyl benzoate

**Indication**
- Pediculus capitis

**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](#))
- Changed in 2021

**Sex**
- All

**Age**
- Also recommended for children

**Age restriction**
- > 2 years

**Therapeutic alternatives**
- precipitated sulfur

**Formulations**
- Local > Topical > Ointment:

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

**Wikipedia**
- Benzyl benzoate

**DrugBank**
- Benzyl benzoate

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended precipitated sulfur topical ointment be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for benzyl benzoate on the EML and EMLc.