

What is it?

Pubic lice is a very small, brown-black, wingless bug. Pubic lice is different from head lice. They live on human blood and cling to the pubic hair, they may also be found on eyelashes and brows. They lay eggs or (nits) that are attached to the hair. Pubic lice may survive off the human body for 2-5 days.

What are the symptoms?

Most often itching around the pubic hair. You may also notice a rash on your thighs and pubic area. You may also see the bugs and nits.

How did I get it?

Crabs are spread by close body contact with an infected person. They are also spread by using someone’s clothing, towels, bedding, and sometimes by toilet seats.

How is it treated?

You will be given an insecticide to use as a shampoo on the pubic region. Follow the directions given to you. You may also want to wash clothing and bedding in hot water and dry.

Does my partner need to be treated?

YES, to avoid re-infection your partner needs to be treated at the same time.

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