

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Scabies Treatment Checklist

Residential Institutions

1. ____ Use barrier precautions for all patients with suspected rash.
2. ____ Evaluate rash.
3. ____ Per institution policy, obtain skin scrapings for lab confirmation OR proceed with scabicide treatment if alternate diagnoses are ruled out & symptom presentation is consistent with scabies infestation.
4. ____ Immediately treat cases and close contacts within the same 24-hour period.
5. ____ Leave medication on skin for 8-14 hours. Bathe or shower to remove medication and change to freshly laundered clothes. Avoid skin to skin contact with scabies patients for at least 8 hours after treatment.
6. ____ Change & launder linens before & after scabicide application.
7. ____ Seal non-washable items in a plastic bag for transport & place in hot dryer for 20 minutes OR leave items in sealed bag at room temperature for 7 days.
8. ____ Follow facility-approved cleaning and disinfecting products and procedures. Insecticides and fumigation are not necessary or recommended for control of mites in the environment. See MDCH Manual pp. 28 "Environment of Care".
9. ____ Evaluate and consider possible additional medication if severe itching continues or occurs. Itching and rash may continue for 2-3 weeks after medication is removed.
10. ____ Re-treatment may be necessary if symptoms are still present after 2-3 weeks. Scabicide medication is approximately 90% effective after one application.
11. ____ Perform routine surveillance for additional cases.
12. ____ Health care providers, visitors, volunteers, families, personal care workers and other who have had contact with a scabies case should be notified immediately and assessed for symptoms. Additional persons to notify, if contact occurred in the past month, may include: previous health care facility in which the person resided; emergency transport workers; discharged/relocated roommates; visiting diagnostic and/or therapeutic workers; sexual partners, family members, and roommates of healthcare providers.
13. ____ Distribute a scabies fact sheet and notification letter to the above groups. Include information about the scope of the outbreak and strategies that are being implemented to control the outbreak and prevent future cases.
14. ____ Any employee (including contract workers or volunteers) experiencing rash, itching or skin lesions should be restricted from work until scabies has been ruled out or until treatment of scabies has been administered. Treated persons can return to work after the treatment period is complete.

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