

Fast Facts

Pubic Lice

- Usually transmitted through sexual activity, which is why they're referred to as a sexually transmitted infection (STI)
- Can be spread through contact with infested sheets, blankets, towels, or clothes
 - Different from head and body lice
- Like areas with coarse hair, so they can spread to other parts of your body with coarse hair such as your legs, chest, armpits, beard/mustache, and eyelashes/eyebrows
- Called crabs because when viewed under a strong magnifying glass, adult lice resemble a miniature crab since they have six legs, and their two front legs are very large and look like the pincher claws of a crab

<i>Symptoms</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Prevention</i>
-Intense itching in the infected area because of the bites from the lice	<p><i>Over-the-Counter Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Lotion/shampoo with at least 1% permethrin or pyrethrin.-If pubic lice are found in eyelashes and eyebrows, apply petroleum jelly with a cotton swab at night and wash it off in the morning <p>-Wash any bedding, clothing, and towels used in the two days before treatment (use soapy water at least 130°F and dry on high heat for at least 20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-If items can't be washed, have them dry cleaned or seal them in an airtight bag for two weeks <p><i>Prescription:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Malathion-Ivermectin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Avoid any sexual contact with anyone who has an infestation-Avoid sharing bedding or clothing with infected individuals-If you're being treated for an infestation, be sure to let any sexual partners know so they can be treated if necessary

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