



Harvard School of Public Health

Laboratory of Public Health Entomology

HEAD LOUSE EVALUATION REQUEST

Because head lice and their eggs are often misidentified, it is important to ensure that the infestation is active before you spend time, money and effort to treat the condition. We will be pleased to examine your specimens and reply with our observations. Learning the identity of the specimens may prepare you to better manage the problem. By completing and submitting this form, you consent for us to use the specimens and information in our research and teaching program. Although your only foreseeable risk would be a loss of confidentiality, please be aware that we shall not share your name or identifying information with anyone outside of our laboratory. All records will be securely maintained until they are destroyed.

Sample a few lice or hairs bearing louse eggs (select hairs with eggs closest to the scalp) and affix these under clear tape on the form below. Send the completed form with a **self-addressed stamped envelope** to the address listed at the bottom of this page. A donation of \$20 (payable to "The President and Fellows of Harvard College") is not required, but will assist with our research activities.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY !

Name of person with suspected infestation: _____

Date specimens were sampled: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Sex: (circle choice) Male Female

Who is submitting this form? Self Parent/guardian Nurse Physician Other _____

Who diagnosed the infestation? Self Parent/guardian Nurse Physician Other _____

How long has this person been infested? less than 1 month 1-6 months more than 6 months

Does your school have a 'no nits' policy? Yes No Not applicable

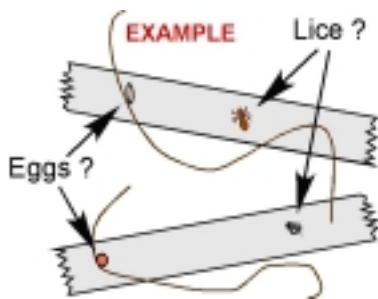
How many days has this child been absent BECAUSE of this infestation? _____

Estimate the cost to treat THIS infestation (total of product cost, child care arrangements, doctor visits, lost work time) \$ _____

List which anti-lice treatments have been used on this person within the past **4 weeks**?

You may receive our reply by **email**, but be aware that email communications may not be secure. Include your email here **only** if you accept this risk. **PRINT CLEARLY !** _____

Use **clear** tape to affix your specimens to this page (see example below). Please cover each louse or nit with **just one** layer of tape.



Mail form with **self-addressed stamped envelope** and donation to:



Affix specimens within this box

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For more information on lice visit: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html>

Participation in this research is voluntary and you are free to refuse to participate or withdraw at any time. Refusing to participate or withdrawing will not involve a penalty or loss of any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. For questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the Harvard School of Public Health Human Subjects Committee at 617-384-5482. For questions about the research, contact Dr. Richard Pollack at rpollack@hsph.harvard.edu