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Specimen evaluation: Without proper magnification and training, head lice and their eggs are often difficult to correctly identify. It is important to ensure that an infestation is active before considering treatment. Sample a few lice or hairs bearing louse eggs (chose 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”) will assist with our research activities.

We will examine the sample and send you our reply indicating the identity of the specimen(s). Although we may use your samples for research and teaching purposes, we shall ensure that specific information submitted by you on this form remains confidential.

Name of person with suspected infestation: _____

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? <1 1-6 >6 months

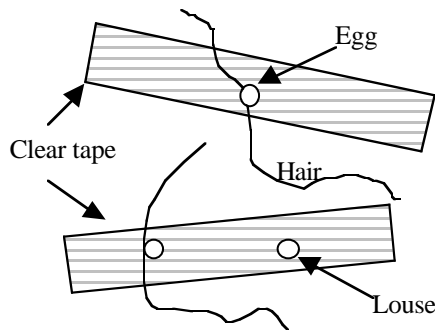
Does your school have a 'no nits' policy? Yes No Not applicable

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

What has been the cost (\$) trying 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**?

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.



Affix specimens within this box

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



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