Managing Presumed Head Louse Infestations at Home "Nits" Relax! Do No discovered NOT treat on hair? for lice. Yes Apply an FDA-registered overthe-counter pediculicide Inspect hair for live (crawling) lice. according to label directions. Compare samples to images on our website Change or launder pillowcases, or submit a sample for evaluation. pajamas, and towels that were Inspect all other people in the home for live in direct contact with the lice. infested person within the past day. If live (crawling) lice persist, a second application may be Periodically Live needed about 10 days after the (crawling) reinspect hair No first treatment. lice on for live lice. Consult your physician or Do NOT treat. hair? pharmacist for advice. Yes Is the hair Do live (crawling) No readily combed Treat lice persis after the with a louse second treatment? comb? Yes Yes Consult with your physician. Comb hair thoroughly with a louse comb. Consider prescription pediculicides that contain an active ingredient different than Use hair conditioner to lubricate and comb. that of your over-the-top counter product. Many lice and eggs should be removed during the first combing session. Repeat every few days. Subsequent combing will remove another portion of the remaining, as well as any new, lice and eggs. Removal of remaining nuts should be a Continue periodic combing until no live lice personal choice, as these are likely to all are discovered for an interval of about two be dead or hatched. weeks. Change or launder pillowcases, pajamas, Treatment with pediculicides may supplement and towels exposed to lice within the past or replace combing. day.

Figure 5.
Suggested Scheme for Head Louse Infestations

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