



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria
Department of Pharmacy Services

Generic Name: Malathion

Brand Name: Ovide

Medication Class: pediculicide

FDA Approved Uses: Pediculus humanus capitis (head lice and their ova) of the scalp hair

Usual Dose: apply for 8 to 12 hours (one treatment only); may repeat if needed after 7 to 9 days

Duration of Therapy: one application; may repeat if lice still present after 7 to 9 days

Criteria for Use: *(bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted)*

- Must have Pediculus humanus capitis (head lice and their ova) of the scalp hair
- Must be 6 years of age or over
- Must have tried and failed/intolerant to OTC permethrin (Nix) or OTC pyrethrins (Rid or similar product)
- Approved only for a second treatment if live lice present 7 to 10 days following the initial treatment.

Not Approved if:

- Patient has any contraindications to the use of Ovide
- Patient does not meet the above criteria

P&T Approval: _____ Date: _____