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Dear Colleague

**FIRE RISK WITH HEDRIN® 4% CUTANEOUS SOLUTION**

I would like to highlight the fire risk when using the proprietary head lice treatment Hedrin® 4% Cutaneous Solution. A young patient is currently receiving treatment in a local hospital for severe burns which resulted from application of the product and subsequent exposure to a candle flame.

As per the SPC of the product, Hedrin 4% cutaneous solution is combustible when on the hair and in direct contact with an open flame or other source of ignition; therefore during treatment hair should be kept away from open flames or other sources of ignition. To note the recommendation is that treatment should remain on the hair for a minimum of 8 hours or overnight.

The outer packaging and PIL states "Warning: Keep hair away from sources of ignition, especially naked flames and burning cigarettes, whilst being treated with Hedrin®. Treated hair can readily burn if ignited". The warning is currently on the side of the box and I would recommend that you make a point of actively drawing the recipient's attention to it.

Yours sincerely,

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