

Lice Treatment Market - Growth, Trends, Covid-19 Impact, and Forecasts (2023 - 2028)

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The Lice Treatment market is currently valued at USD 937.44 million and is expected to register a CAGR of 6.24% over the forecast period.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented health concern and has significantly impacted market growth. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the dispensing of ivermectin has increased in retail pharmacies, and there has been a surge in patients for lice treatment in various clinics in the United States. For instance, According to the article published by CDC in August 2021, ivermectin dispensing from outpatient retail pharmacies in the United States during the COVID-19 increased from an average of 3,600 prescriptions per week during the pre-pandemic time (March 2019-March 2020) to a peak of 39,000 prescriptions in the week ending on January 8, 2021. Furthermore, the article published by Lice Clinics of America in July 2020, reported that Lice Clinics of America, Bakersfield, experienced an increase in lice treatments of 37% from April to May 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, in October 2021, the Lice Clinics of America announced that the company had reached a total of 750,000 successful head lice treatments, and the milestone was achieved after the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, although COVID-19 has led to a shortage in essentials and created some hindrances, lice treatment has played an important role during COVID-19. Thus, the COVID-19 pandemic has positively impacted the growth of the studied market in the initial phase, however currently it is expected to have a steady growth during the forecast period.

The market's growth can be attributed to the factors such as the increasing prevalence of lice infestation and the easy availability of lice treatment products. For instance, the Pediculosis chapter updated in February 2022 by NCBI states that Pediculosis or louse infestation affects hundreds of millions of people each year globally, and it has been reported in all countries and within all socioeconomic classes.

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Additionally, a study published by PubMed in May 2021 reported that the prevalence of head lice in poor rural communities and urban slums is estimated to be between 28% and 43% in Brazil, respectively. Also, the study suggests that the prevalence at different schools in Norway ranged from 0% to 7.14%, although 36.43% of households that participated in the study had previously experienced a head lice infestation. Thus, the prevalence indicates the increasing demand for lice treatment. Moreover, as per the World Population Prospects 2022, in 2021, 134 million babies were born worldwide. In the future, the number of newborns is expected to slightly increase to reach 138 million annually between 2040 and 2045. This huge number of people who are prone to lice infestation indicates the growing prevalence of lice infestation, thereby driving the market growth.

However, lack of awareness and less healthcare expenditure in developing countries is a major factor hindering the growth of the market studied.

Lice Treatment Market Trends

Permethrin Segment is Expected to Hold a Major Share in the Market

The Permethrin segment is expected to hold a major share in the market. Permethrin treats scabies in adults and children two months of age and older. Over-the-counter permethrin is used to treat lice (small insects that attach themselves to the skin on the head) in adults and children two months of age and older. Permethrin is in a class of medications called scabicides and pediculicides. It works by killing lice and mites.

According to the study published by the International Journal of Preventive Medicine in February 2021, the infested people were treated with 1% permethrin shampoo, twice at a 1-week interval and other recommended therapeutic categories. 1% permethrin shampoo had high treatment success. It was estimated to be 82.00%. Such data displays the significant use of permethrin in lice treatment. Furthermore, according to NCBI in May 2022, permethrin is a common first-line treatment option for head lice infestations, which is available over the counter in many countries and a systematic review of trials that evaluated medications for the treatment of head lice suggested that permethrin was very much effective.

Therefore, the demand for permethrin is expected to increase, which will significantly drive the overall target market during the study period.

North America Dominates the Market and is Expected to do Same in the Forecast Period

North America is expected to dominate the overall lice treatment market throughout the forecast period. The largest share is mainly due to the presence of a larger infestation pool and an increasing children population.

For instance, the United States Census Bureau, in its 2020 census, showed that the number of children under the age of 18 years was 73.1 million in 2020. Furthermore, according to CDC in September 2020, infestation with head lice is very common among preschool children attending childcare, elementary schoolchildren, and household members of infested children in the United States, and approximately 6 million to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children 3 to 11 years of age. The larger infestation pool and increasing children population are attributing factors to the growth of the market in the United States.

In addition, increasing product approvals is also contributing to market growth. For instance, in July 2020, the United States FDA approved the use of Xeglyze, a drug used to treat head lice in patients six months of age and older. The FDA approved the drug after a clinical trial studying the efficacy of the drug in the prevention of head lice infestation. The study showed that About 80% of patients treated with Xeglyze were free of live head lice.

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Thus, due to the above-mentioned developments, the market is expected to witness significant growth over the forecast period.

Lice Treatment Market Competitor Analysis

The lice treatment market is moderately competitive. A few of the crucial approaches followed by players functioning in the market were product advancement, invention, acquisitions, and mergers. Some of the companies which are currently dominating the market are Oystershell Consumer Health (Bayer), Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Perrigo Company plc (Omega Pharma), Arbor Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Azurity Pharmaceuticals), Prestige Consumer Healthcare Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson and Johnson Services, Inc., Parapro Pharmaceuticals, and Fleming Medical Ltd among others.

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