

Tic Removal

A slick trick for ticks

When you remove tick with tweezers, sometimes the head breaks off and remains embedded in tile skin. Here is a simple, painless method for removing tics without leaving any parts behind:

Moisten a cotton ball with a little water and rub it on a bar of soap. Cover the tick with the soapy cotton ball and rub gently counter clockwise. (For some reason, the tick stays in the skin if you rub in the other direction.) After one or two circles you will find the tick intact on the cotton ball. This technique never fails, doesn't hurt, and can be done at home by tile patient or parent. Finish by washing the bite site with more soap and water and applying antiseptic. In States where Lyme disease is a possibility, be sure to send tick Lick for analysis.