

# Has anyone else been stung by jellyfish larva while swimming? I have bumps that are extremely itchy. Is it Pica Pica?

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Pica Pica: You can do anything now. Right when you get it spraying with anything containing petroleum helps. In fact, you have a friend help or you may hurt yourself, etc.

There's a long history of advice over what Pica Pica is. For Clavin Reed reported it as being an algae bloom that happens to occur around the same time the diabolic jellyfish appear. Others say they are actually caused by the offspring of the diabolic jellyfish which appear in the western around April or so.

The Eucerin cream. Available if you need it.

A cheap solution is good to maintain the stinging cells. They apply to sensitive areas immediately after getting out of the water, then apply a good antihistamine cream to the area to stop the itching. Bring some Diphenhydramine cream with you or pick some up at a local pharmacy. It's the most effective relief for the itch from pica pica?? Or use Eucerin lotion on your skin and if it's a bigger problem, use Eucerin and they Acacia antihistamine. Available over the counter.

To prevent use Salt Sea (antiseptic, or Salt Sea is available at drug shops). You can buy it on the internet, use even if you can get it on the island. We brought it last year in April, used it the first two days, but didn't see any more. Did most one lady that had it when her son was stung around her neck. Seems the affected areas and where they got stung by clothing. Check with your guide as well, some will carry a spray bottle of ammonia just in case.

From a person who got stung twice then others.

I am the official Pica Pica nurse here. If there are Pica Pica they will find you. I don't think it's the Flamingo Jelly but it's the same type larvae that causes the problem. Although you may get a few 'stings' when you are in the water the main damage is done while sitting or standing where the larvae can be trapped. As they die for lack of water they start stinging. The most important thing for those of us who are especially sensitive is to get out of the water and shower off with fresh water as soon as possible. Since I carry a bucket of fresh water for my kids because I have been known to have someone dunk me with the water while I had my net away from my body.

Pica Pica does not keep me out of the sea and I actually seem to be building up an immunity or getting better at getting rid of them.

For more information see this:

<http://www.picapica.com/faq.htm>  
<http://www.picapica.com/faq.htm#Q1>

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