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First, besides using Lamisil in the new granule form for pediatric patients, one can easily use a coffee grinder to divide a pill into halves or thirds. Using the $4 prescription service at some pharmacies, which gives you 30 Lamisil tablets for $4 (or 90 tabs for $10), one can purchase the pills, grind, and sprinkle the Lamisil grounds on ice cream. Bon appetite!

Secondly, I reiterate one of my previous publications. Lamisil does not have to be given daily for two months for tinea capitis. It takes only seven days to achieve full dosage in the skin, and it stays in the skin for a full month (i.e. its half-life in the skin is 24-28 days). Thus, one can give the drug for seven days for two consecutive months and achieve full results.

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