

IMPETIGO

A bacterial infection caused by Staphylococcal or Streptococcal Bacteria



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- A disease causing skin lesions
- Most common in children
- May but rarely affects adults
- May follow an URTI
- Also occurs as a result of breaks in skin

Impetigo on the Leg



AREAS AFFECTED

- Face
- Lips
- Arms
- Legs
- Other Areas



SYMPTOMS

- Skin Rash
 - Begins as tiny fluid filled vesicles
 - Fluid is yellow or honey coloured
 - Vesicles will burst causing brown/yellow crusting
 - Rash is itchy

OTHER SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Lymphadenopathy (Enlarged lymph nodes)



Diagnosis & Treatment

- Diagnosis is usually made on appearance of skin lesion
- Culture of infecting bacteria will confirm Staphylococcal or Streptococcal infection
- Aim of treatment is to cure infection
- Cure rate 100%
- Recurrence common in children

Treatment

- Application of topical antibiotics
- Wash several times a day with antibacterial soap to remove crusts
- Prevent spread of infection
 - Wash clothing/bed sheets etc.
 - Use clean towel and flannel each time
 - Do not share towels/razors etc. with other people

Complications

- Spread of infection to other areas
- Permanent skin scarring (Rare)
- Development of systemic infection (Rare)

IMPETIGO SKIN LESIONS HEAL SLOWLY BUT USUALLY DO NOT LEAVE SCARS



