

GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS (GROUP A STREP)

WHAT IS GROUP A STREP?

Group A streptococcus (group A strep) is a bacteria that lives on a person's skin or in their nose and throat. Group A strep infections can cause mild to severe illness.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

It spreads through close contact with a person who has group A strep. These germs can be passed on through coughs, sneezes, or from a wound.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE IT?



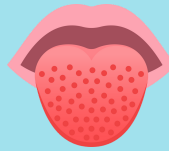
Sore throat



Rash around mouth



Fever and chills



"Strawberry" tongue



Trouble breathing



Severe headache

CONDITIONS & COMPLICATIONS

Conditions:

- Strep throat
- Impetigo
- Scarlet fever

Complications:

- Pneumonia
- Meningitis
- Rheumatic fever

HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?

The best way to prevent group A strep is to wash your hands often:

- After coughing and sneezing.
- Before eating and preparing food.

TREATMENT TIPS:

- Group A strep may need to be treated with antibiotics prescribed by a doctor.
- Your doctor can decide the best treatment for you.

WHEN TO CALL A DOCTOR?

- Talk to your doctor if you or a family member have group A symptoms.
- It is important to get tested and treated right away.