

IMPETIGO

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WHAT IS IMPETIGO?

Impetigo is caused by germs from the Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus Aureus family. These germs infect your skin.



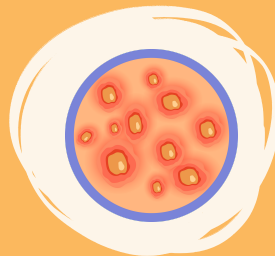
WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

Impetigo is rarely serious. It **does** need to be treated with medicine you get from a doctor. Impetigo usually infects children and spreads easily, especially in group settings like schools.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE IT?



Red, leaky blisters



Honey-colored scabs

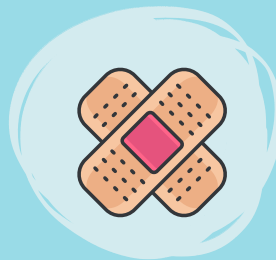


Doctor visit to confirm

HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?



Keep skin clean, including hands, face and body.



Keep wounds clean and covered.



Wash all items used by the person with impetigo.

TREATMENT TIPS:

- A doctor can give you two types of medicine:
 - Topical - apply to skin, OR
 - Oral - take by mouth.
- Clean and disinfect objects the person with impetigo has used or touched.

WHEN TO CALL A DOCTOR?

If you or someone you care for has impetigo, it's best to call a doctor. Medicine from a doctor helps you get better faster. Not only will you feel better, but the faster you heal, the less people you can spread germs to.