
Impetigo

What is impetigo?

- A skin infection caused by a bacteria.

How does a person get impetigo?

- The bacteria easily gets into cuts, sores and other breaks in the skin.
- It can also be spread from person-to-person by direct contact with weeping blisters.

What are the signs?

- The infection usually appears around the nose, mouth and parts of skin not covered by clothes.
- Impetigo appears as a cluster of red bumps or blisters which may weep or be covered by a yellow crust.

How is impetigo treated?

- See your doctor for diagnosis and treatment.

How is impetigo prevented?

- Wash hands with soap and water regularly.
- Keep small cuts and scratches clean.
- A person can return to school or work following 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment.

For more information contact your doctor
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