

Cellulitis

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Cellulitis Latest News

An observational study about Cellulitis was published in the International Journal of Lower Extremity Wounds.

About Cellulitis

- Cellulitis is a **common skin infection** caused mostly by **streptococcus and staphylococcus bacteria**.
- **Common Sites:** It can affect the **tissues beneath the skin** and can **affect any part of the body** such as the face, arms, hands and fingers it usually affects the legs, feet and toes.
- **Risk factor:** Anyone can contract cellulitis, but **persons with skin wounds**, or compromised immune systems, which allows the bacteria to enter easily, are at higher risk.
- Cellulitis **is not contagious** but in **rare cases** if you have an open wound and have skin-to-skin contact with an infected person's open wound.

Symptoms of Cellulitis

- Infected **skin may appear slightly discoloured**, and warm to touch. As the infection spreads, the discolouration darkens and the skin swells and becomes tender.
- A person could have **fever, feel fatigued, experience chills**, develop spots on the skin, blisters filled with fluid and dimpling of the skin.
- **Treatment:** It usually consists of a course of **oral antibiotics**. Severe cases may need hospitalisation and IV antibiotics.

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