

UNDERSTANDING SKIN DISEASE



MRSA/Staph

Typically starts as a small sore or boil. The backs of neck, underarms, groin and beard area are the most common areas. Tenderness, swelling, and redness around the infected area are common symptoms. Pus and drainage are also common.



Impetigo

Typically starts as localized clusters of delicate, yellowish bumps that may increase in size and number. These clusters often cause no pain, but can be very itchy and irritating. When blisters are popped, reddish sores are left on the skin which will eventually crust over due to the fluid.



Ringworm

(*Tinea Capitis, tinea cruris, tinea corporis*)
Appears on skin as raised circle or ring. It is typically red or brown around the edges with scaly, peeling skin throughout.



Furuncle

When the hair follicle becomes infected, the skin around it becomes inflamed. Looks like a red, raised bump on your skin and will rupture and weep fluid.



Folliculitis

An infection of the hair follicles that appears in areas of high friction and perspiration. Look like red or white bumps at the base of the hair follicles.



Carbuncle Lesion

When multiple furuncles join, a mass of pus filled tissue develops with localized redness and swelling.



Herpes Gladiatorum

Begins with small clusters of red bumps and irritated skin. Fluid-filled blisters are characteristic. After a few days these blisters typically flatten out and become yellowish-brown scabs.



Shingles

Starts with tingling in or under the skin.. After a few days, a red rash appears as a band/cluster of raised dots only on one side of the body. The rash eventually develops into red, fluid-filled, round, painful blisters.



Tinea Versicolor

A type of yeast found as discolored patches on the surface of the skin. These patches can be lighter (more common) or darker than the surrounding skin. Patches can be dry, itchy and scaly.



Verruca

(Warts)
A local growth of the outer layer of the skin caused by a virus. Typical wart is a rough surfaced nodule that may be lighter or darker than the surrounding skin.



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Molluscum Contagiosum

Flesh-colored to light-pink pearly papules with a dent or depression in the middle.

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