

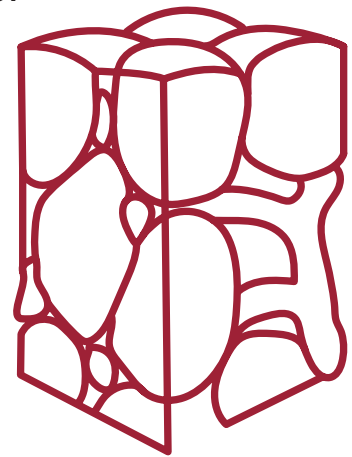
Cellulitis

Skin infections happen when bacteria taints the skin. Sometimes the deep tissue under the skin is tainted. Cellulitis is a common type of skin infection. It causes redness, swelling, and pain in the tainted part of the skin.

Causes

Some causes can raise the risk of cellulitis. They can be:

- Wounds to the skin.
- Skin health problems, such as athlete's foot or skin rash.
- Long term swelling of the legs or arms.
- Obesity.
- Diabetes.



Symptoms

Signs can come on slowly or quickly. Signs can be:

- Skin redness.
- Pain, tenderness, or warmth when the affected skin is touched.
- Swelling of the affected area.

An abscess can have alike symptoms as cellulitis. It would also have pus inside. This pus can sometimes drain out.

Treatment

Your doctor will find out if you have a skin infection by doing an exam. Visit your doctor if you have any of the signs. Your doctor will ask about your signs. Antibiotics are needed to treat cellulitis.