

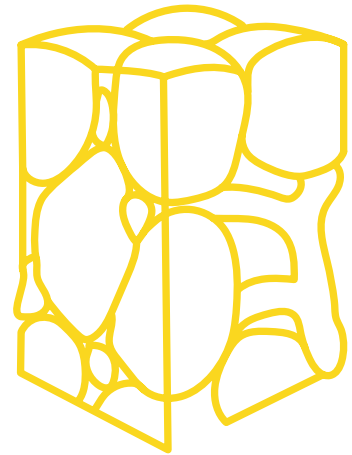
# Cellulitis

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.