

Impetigo

What is impetigo?

- It is a common skin infection in young children.
- It is caused by bacteria entering the body through a cut or cracked skin. It spreads very easily.

Symptoms of impetigo



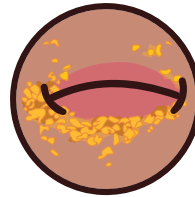
Itchiness



Wet or dry irregular-shaped sores



Pus-filled reddish blisters on the skin

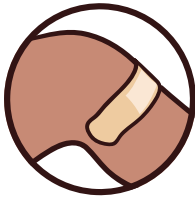


Honey-coloured crust on sores

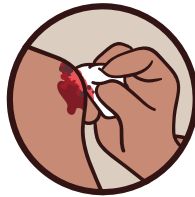
How to prevent impetigo



Keep your child away from other children until sores are healed.



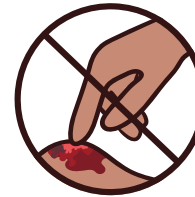
Cover wounds with bandages



Keep cuts, scratches, or insect bites clean and dry



Clean cuts and scratches with soap and water



Avoid touching open sores and wash hands well

How to treat impetigo

- Talk to the health-care provider if you think your child has impetigo.
- Wash your hands before AND after treating wounds.
- Using a clean finger, apply the antibiotic ointment on the open sores.
- Sometimes your child may need antibiotic pills or liquid.
- Finish all the antibiotics, even if your child feels better.



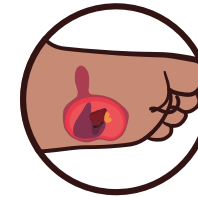
Go back to the clinic if:



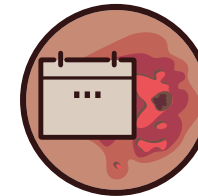
Your child has a fever



Your child is vomiting the antibiotic medication



The skin infection looks worse



After 3 days of treatment the infection is no better