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Abstract

Bacterial infections are common illnesses in daily dermatological practice. Poor hygiene, overcrowding, and hot humid environment are the common predisposing factors. Common superficial and deep pyogenic infections may be "hospital-acquired" or "community-acquired." Superficial infections are easily treatable and curable. Deep infections and bacterial exotoxin-mediated illnesses may be life-threatening. Elderly people, diabetics, HIV-infected, and other immunosuppressed patients are prone to deeper infections. All bacterial infections must be treated with adequate dose of proper antibiotics. There are special groups of bacteria causing non-pyogenic skin infections. Gram negative bacteria may cause superficial and deep skin infections as well as life-threatening systemic involvement. Spirochetes like *Treponema pallidum* cause sexually transmitted infections. This chapter provides an overview of bacterial skin infections.

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