
Impetigo

What is impetigo?

- impetigo is a skin infection caused by a bacteria
- the bacteria gets into cuts, sores and other breaks in the skin
- the infection begins as fluid-filled blisters
- the blisters break or weep and a yellow crust forms

What can you do if your child has impetigo?

- take your child to the doctor for diagnosis and medication
- your child can return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment

How can you help prevent impetigo?

- wash hands with soap and water regularly
- keep small cuts and scratches clean
- if someone in the house has impetigo, keep their clothing, towels and combs separate - wash these items thoroughly in hot water and soap

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