

Skin Conditions

Skin conditions include eczema, contact dermatitis and reactions following insect bites.

Eczema ranges from mild, where only small patches of the skin are affected, to severe.

Eczema can cause the skin to become:

- Red
- Itchy
- Sore
- Dry/Cracked



Contact dermatitis occurs in response to an irritant or allergen such as soap, detergent or solvents. The hands are most commonly affected however it can affect any part of the body.

Contact dermatitis can cause the skin to become:

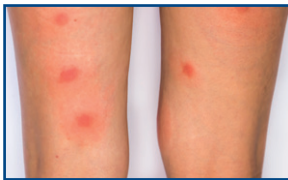
- Red
- Blistered
- Dry/Cracked



Following an insect bite some people will develop a mild allergic reaction to the bite.

Signs of an allergic reaction to a bite include:

- Redness
- Pain and Swelling



Treatment for skin conditions is only available for those aged 2 years and above.

Vaginal Thrush

Vaginal Thrush is a common yeast infection that affects most women at some point. Symptoms include:

- Itching/soreness around entrance to vagina
- Odourless vaginal discharge
- Pain during sex
- Stinging sensation when passing urine

Treatment for vaginal thrush is only available for women aged between 16 and 60 years of age.

MINOR AILMENT SERVICE

Community pharmacies also offer a FREE minor ailment service to certain patients who are eligible. If your pharmacist thinks you need a medicine to treat your minor ailment then they may be able to supply it free of charge.

Minor ailments that community pharmacists can treat include:

- Nasal congestion
- Hayfever
- Cold sore
- Sore throat
- Mouth Ulcer
- Pain
- Athletes foot
- Acne
- Ear Wax
- Earache
- Wart
- Verruca



PHARMACY FIRST

**Need healthcare advice and treatment without an appointment?
Go to your Pharmacy First**



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Pharmacy First Service

Pharmacy First allows patients to access **FREE** advice and/or treatment for a number of different common conditions including uncomplicated urinary tract infection and vaginal thrush in women, bacterial conjunctivitis, skin infections and minor skin conditions.

Your pharmacist will ask you about your symptoms in order to give you the right advice. You should be aware there are some exclusions which can prevent your pharmacist from treating you and you may need to be referred to your GP.

Urinary Tract Infection

Urinary tract infections are infections that are particularly common in woman and can affect the bladder.

Symptoms of urinary tract infection include:

- Burning or stinging sensation on passing urine
- Need to pass urine frequently
- Need to pass urine urgently

Treatment is only available for women aged between 16 and 65.



Impetigo

Impetigo is a common skin infection that is most usually seen in young children and can cause sores and blisters. The sores are not painful but can be itchy and scratching can spread the infection.



Symptoms of impetigo include:

- Minor skin infection on one area of the body
- Red sores that pop easily and leave a yellow crust
- Fluid filled blisters
- Itchy rash

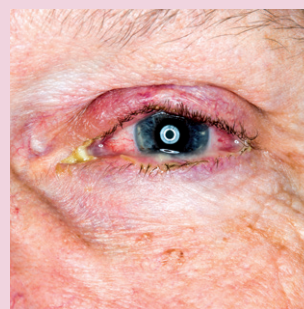
Treatment is only available for those aged 2 years and above.

Bacterial Conjunctivitis

Bacterial Conjunctivitis is a common eye condition that can affect one or both eyes.

Symptoms of bacterial conjunctivitis include:

- Gritty or itchy eye or eyes
- Green/yellow discharge from the eye or eyes
- Crusting on the eyelids



Treatment is only available for those aged 1 year and above.

Skin Infection

Skin infections include cellulitis, infected insect bites and nail infections.

Cellulitis is most commonly seen in the lower legs but can occur anywhere on the body. Cellulitis can cause the skin to become:

- Red
- Hot
- Swollen
- Painful or tender



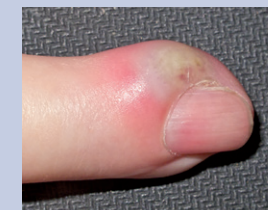
Following an insect bite, the bite sometimes becomes infected. Signs of an infected bite include:

- Increased pain
- Redness and swelling around the bite
- Pus

A common nail infection (paronychia) is usually caused by infection or injury to the nail.

Signs of a nail infection include:

- Redness around the nail
- Warm to touch
- Swelling
- Tender
- Pus around the nail



Treatment for skin infections is only available for those aged 18 years and above.