

Common Skin Disorders

acne (ak'ne) Disease of the sebaceous glands that produces blackheads and pimples.

alopecia (al''o-pe'she-ah) Hair loss, usually sudden.

athlete's foot (ath'-lētz foot) Fungus infection (*Tinea pedis*) usually in the skin of the toes and soles.

birthmark (berth' mark) Congenital blemish or spot on the skin, visible at birth or soon after.

boil (boil) Bacterial infection (furuncle) of the skin, produced when bacteria enter a hair follicle.

carbuncle (kar'bung-kl) Bacterial infection, similar to a boil, that spreads into the subcutaneous tissues.

cyst (sist) Liquid-filled sac or capsule.

dermatitis (der''mah-ti'tis) Inflammation of the skin.

eczema (ek'zē-mah) Noncontagious skin rash that produces itching, blistering, and scaling.

erythema (er''i-the'mah) Reddening of the skin due to dilation of dermal blood vessels in response to injury or inflammation.

herpes (her'pēz) Infectious disease of the skin, usually caused by the herpes simplex virus and characterized by recurring formations of small clusters of vesicles.

impetigo (im''pē-ti'go) Contagious disease of bacterial origin, characterized by pustules that rupture and become covered with loosely held crusts.

keloid (ke'loid) Elevated, enlarging fibrous scar usually initiated by an injury.

mole (mōl) Fleshy skin tumor (nevus) that is usually pigmented; colors range from brown to black.

pediculosis (pē-dik''u-lo'sis) Disease produced by an infestation of lice.

pruritus (proo-ri'tus) Itching of the skin.

psoriasis (so-ri'ah-sis) Chronic skin disease characterized by red patches covered with silvery scales.

pustule (pus'tūl) Elevated, pus-filled area on the skin.

scabies (ska'bēz) Disease resulting from an infestation of mites.

seborrhea (seb''o-re'ah) Hyperactivity of the sebaceous glands, causing greasy skin and dandruff.

ulcer (ul'ser) Open sore.

urticaria (ur''ti-ka're-ah) Allergic reaction of the skin that produces reddish, elevated patches (hives).

wart (wort) Flesh-colored, raised area caused by a viral infection.