

SIGNS OF SKIN INFECTIONS

Purpose: Infections can develop after trauma to the skin. (i.e.: cut, scrape, bite, sting, tattoo, piercing, or other skin conditions). Bacteria may also infect skin growths or lesions.

Signs of Infection:

- Area is warm to touch
- Swelling or hardening of the incision
- Redness- streaks radiating from the wound to surrounding areas
- Drainage- foul smelling, can be colored such as blood tinged to green
- Pain-increasing from the date of surgery
- Fever/Chills
- Malaise- tired or lacking energy

