

Staphylococcus

What is Staphylococcus?

Staphylococcus or “Staph” is a bacteria commonly found on the skin and inside the nasal area of most individuals. Most people with staph on their skin have no symptoms. However, staph can easily enter a cut or scrap and is a common cause of skin infections. The bacteria can also potentially get into the blood and cause serious illness.

What are the symptoms of Staphylococcus?

A skin infection caused by staph is red in color and is painful. Some may start as a painful bump that resembles an insect bite. These infections can quickly become an abscess filled with pus and germs. A skin abscess is an infection with pus under the skin, which is sometimes called a boil. Washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water is the best way to avoid an infection.

How can the abscess be cured?

In order for an infection to clear up, the pus within an abscess must drain. It is important however, that you do not pop the abscess. If the pus is not draining on its own, a physician can use a small incision to help the pus drain out.