

Let's Magnify...Strep A!



- ✚ Also known as: Streptococcus A
- ✚ Pathogen type: Gram-positive bacteria commonly found on the skin or in the throat.

Did you know?

- ✚ In some cases, Strep A can survive in the body without causing symptoms making the person a carrier.
- ✚ Those with a weakened immune system are more at risk of catching Strep A.
- ✚ Adults can get Strep A but it is more commonly found in children.

How it is Spread

- By close contact with an infected person
- Airborne droplets (coughing & sneezing)
- Infected wound

Symptoms

- Flu-like symptoms; high temperature, swollen glands, aching body
- Sore throat (strep throat or tonsilitis)
- A rough sandpaper rash (scarlet fever)
- Scabs and sores (impetigo)
- Pain and swelling (cellulitis)

Prevention Strategies

- ✓ Maintain good hand hygiene by washing hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- ✓ Cover your mouth or nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- ✓ Keep open wounds covered and clean.
- ✓ Dispose of tissues in bins after use.
- ✓ Surface disinfection.

Treatments

- ✓ Most infections can be treated by antibiotics.
- ✓ If your child is uncomfortable, you can give them children's paracetamol or ibuprofen, ensuring you follow the guidelines.

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