

Scabies

Definition: A disease of the skin caused by a mite, whose penetration into the skin is seen as small, individual bumps or tiny linear burrows which contain the mites and their eggs. These burrows are most common around finger webs, inner surfaces of wrists and elbows and at the waistline; and can spread to other parts of the body. The mites and their eggs cause an allergic reaction which leads to intense itching, especially at night and in warm surroundings. A secondary infection may occur as a result of scratching the infested area causing pimple-like pustules. Transfer of the mite is by direct or indirect contact with infected persons, their articles of clothing or bedding.

Incubation Period: From 1-6 weeks

Exclusion: Once the medication (lotion) has been applied from chin to feet, as prescribed, the child can return to school. The skin will still be itchy, but not as intense.



Please note: This is an example of the condition and how it may look, however it could appear differently. We encourage you to seek medical advice if you believe you have this disease.