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Erosions and ulcers

Some skin diseases are very prone to break down into sores. Surface sores are called erosions; these may start off as blisters or pustules. Full thickness sores are ulcers.

Ulcers on lower leg

Trauma

[Stasis/varicose/venous ulcers](#)

[Pressure ulcers](#)

Hypertensive leg ulcers

Arteriosclerotic ulcers

Neuropathic ulcers eg [diabetic](#)

Ulcerating [skin cancers](#) ([BCC](#), [SCC](#), [Melanoma](#))

[Panniculitis](#)

[Vasculitic](#) ulcers e.g. [cutaneous polyarteritis nodosa](#)

[Pyoderma gangrenosum](#)

[Wegener granulomatosis](#)

Ulcers on limbs &/or trunk

[Bacterial](#), [viral](#) or [fungal](#) infections in immune suppressed

[Mycosis fungoides](#)

[Spider bites](#)

[Atypical mycobacterial infections](#)

[Genital infections](#)

[Porphyria cutanea tarda](#)

[Erythropoietic protoporphyria](#)

[Wounds in general](#)

Ulcers on head & neck

[Chondrodermatitis nodularis helicis](#)

[Erosive pustular dermatosis](#)

[Aphthous ulcers](#) (mouth & genitals)

[Aplasia cutis](#)

Ulcerating [skin cancers](#) ([BCC](#), [SCC](#), [Melanoma](#))

Erosions

[Blistering skin diseases](#)

[Impetigo](#)

[Candida](#)

[Toxic epidermal](#)

[necrolysis](#)

[Staph. scalded skin](#)

[syndrome](#)

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If you have any concerns with your skin or its treatment, see a [dermatologist](#) for advice.

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