SUPERFICIAL BACTERIAL INFECTIONS **Assess patient** Are any of the following present? YES REFER - Immunocompromised factors - Valvular heart disease - Recurrent episode of skin infection (within a few months of last infection) NO Are any of the following present? - Fever and fatigue **Assess patient for** YES - Blisters on diaper area, legs and/or armpits red-flags - Multiple widespread painful lesions - Area of inflammation has expanded rapidly over a few hours NO Assess symptoms to confirm self-diagnosis +/- previous diagnosis of impetigo or folliculitis by physician Symptoms typical of impetigo: Symptoms typical of folliculitis: - Individual red lesions which form - Pimples around hair follicles Unable to confirm self-diagnosis, or: **blisters** - Tender and sore to the touch Affected area is extensive - Yellow exudate forming a crust - Itchy (larger than 2-3 small patches) - Painless sores, may be itchy - Usually affects face (mouth and nose) and hands - Non-pharmacological treatment; AND, - Impetigo: prescribe mupirocin (5 days) or fusidic acid (7 -10 days) - Folliculitis: prescribe mupirocin or fusidic acid for 7 – 10 days **Follow up in 48 hours** NO REFER **Infection mostly** Infection responding to resolved by end of treatment? YES treatment? NO **Discontinue therapy** REFER