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**Tease**Various conditions — some infectious, some not — can cause skin rashes in your child. Identify possible causes based on your child's symptoms.

**Abstract**

Find possible causes of skin rashes in children. See our Symptom Checker.

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**ENTER IN FARCRY:**

**When to get medical help**

Consult your child's doctor if: (1, p. 179)

A rash or lesion affects the eyes

Blue, red or purple dots appear in the affected area

The lesion is crusty, blistering or oozing

A rash is accompanied by a fever, dizziness, shortness of breath, vomiting or a stiff neck

A rash is accompanied by any other troubling symptoms

**Self-care strategies**

Call your child's doctor before treating a rash or skin irritation of unknown origin.

If you know that a rash is caused by an insect bite or exposure to an irritating plant, such as poison ivy, use these self-care tips: (1, p. 300, 347)

Clean the affected area with soap or water.

Give your child a colloidal oatmeal bath.

Apply a soothing cream, such as calamine lotion.

**More Information**

Slide show: Common baby rashes FL00090

Slide show: Common skin rashes SN00016

**END OF FARCRY TEXT**

Find possible causes of skin rashes in children based on specific factors. Check one or more factors on this page that apply to your child's symptom.

**Rash best described as**

Blisters

Itchy

Lacy and slightly raised

Oozing sores that become crusty

Pus-filled, crusty swellings

Raised, red welts

Red or discolored blotches

Red or discolored bumps

Red or discolored skin

Ring shaped

Scaly or flaky

Thick and leathery

Tracks or lines

**Affects**

A small site and then spreads

Buttocks

Diaper area

Face or neck

Folds of skin

Genital area

Hands or feet

Scalp

Trunk

**Preceded by**

Eating certain foods

Exposure to allergen or irritant

Exposure to irritating plants

Exposure to lake or river water

Prolonged exposure to heat

Tick bite or likely exposure to ticks

**Accompanied by**

Abdominal pain

Brittle hair and hair loss

Cough

Dandruff

Diarrhea

Difficulty breathing

Fever

Headache

Joint pain

Loss of appetite

Mouth or tongue sores

Muscle aches or pains

Muscle weakness

Nausea or vomiting

Peeling skin on hands or feet

Persistent fatigue or weakness

Red eyes

Red, swollen tongue

Runny nose

Sore throat

Swelling of lips, face or tongue

Tender or painful scalp

Weight loss

**Possible causes**

These diseases and conditions match at least one of the factors you selected. Those with the most matches are listed first.

DS00986 Atopic dermatitis (eczema) (2, p. 344; 3)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Rash best described as thick and leathery

Preceded by exposure to allergen or irritant

DS00319 Celiac disease (4, p. 1796; 5)

Rash best described as blisters

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Preceded by eating certain foods

Accompanied by abdominal pain

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by persistent fatigue or weakness

Accompanied by weight loss

DS01074 Cradle cap (6)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Affects scalp

Accompanied by dandruff

DS00069 Diaper rash (7)

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Affects diaper area

DS00082 Food allergy (8)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as raised, red welts

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Preceded by eating certain foods

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by difficulty breathing

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by swelling of lips, face or tongue

DS00793 Granuloma annulare (9)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as ring shaped

Affects hands or feet

DS00599 Hand-foot-and-mouth disease (10)

Rash best described as blisters

Affects buttocks

Affects hands or feet

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by loss of appetite

Accompanied by mouth or tongue sores

Accompanied by sore throat

DS01058 Heat rash (11)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Affects face or neck

Affects trunk

Preceded by prolonged exposure to heat

DS00313 Hives and angioedema (12)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as raised, red welts

Preceded by eating certain foods

Preceded by exposure to allergen or irritant

DS00464 Impetigo (2, p. 344; 13)

Rash best described as blisters

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as oozing sores that become crusty

Affects face or neck

Affects trunk

DS00576 Kawasaki disease (14, p. 5; 15)

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Affects genital area

Affects trunk

Accompanied by diarrhea

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by peeling skin on hands or feet

Accompanied by red eyes

Accompanied by red, swollen tongue

DS00116 Lyme disease (14, p. 3; 16)

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Rash best described as ring shaped

Affects a small site and then spreads

Preceded by tick bite or likely exposure to ticks

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by joint pain

Accompanied by muscle aches or pains

Accompanied by muscle weakness

DS00437 Parvovirus infection (17)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as lacy and slightly raised

Rash best described as red or discolored blotches

Affects a small site and then spreads

Affects face or neck

Affects trunk

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache

Accompanied by sore throat

DS00774 Poison ivy rash (1, p. 346; 18)

Rash best described as blisters

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Preceded by exposure to irritating plants

DS00489 Ringworm (body) (19)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as ring shaped

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

DS00892 Ringworm (scalp) (20)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as pus-filled, crusty swellings

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as ring shaped

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Affects scalp

Accompanied by brittle hair and hair loss

Accompanied by tender or painful scalp

DS00452 Roseola (14, p. 3; 21)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Affects trunk

Accompanied by cough

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by runny nose

Accompanied by sore throat

DS00451 Scabies (22)

Rash best described as blisters

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Rash best described as tracks or lines

Affects folds of skin

Affects hands or feet

DS00917 Scarlet fever (15, p. 4; 23)

Rash best described as red or discolored blotches

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Rash best described as tracks or lines

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by red, swollen tongue

Accompanied by sore throat

DS00984 Seborrheic dermatitis (24)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Affects folds of skin

Affects genital area

Affects scalp

DS00902 Swimmer's itch (25)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored bumps

Preceded by exposure to lake or river water

DS00635 Tinea versicolor (26)

Rash best described as itchy

Rash best described as red or discolored blotches

Rash best described as red or discolored skin

Rash best described as scaly or flaky

Affects trunk

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