Treatment Needs for SSTIs - NCSU

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Q36 **Survey about Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (AKA Abscesses and Cellulitis)**  
   
 Thank you for your interest in our survey! We are using this survey to learn about skin and soft tissue infections (AKA abscesses and cellulitis). Even if you've never had one of these infections, we want to hear from you. We will be using this information to understand and advocate for the needs of our community members. The survey should take between 10 to 15 minutes.   
  Before you get started, we want to let you know a few things:   
   Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. If you agree to participate, you can change your mind at any point. You will not be negatively impacted in any way for your decision. If there are any questions you don’t want to answer, you can skip those questions. You do not have to answer every question if you don't want to. This survey is completely anonymous. Your privacy is very important to us. We will not collect your name, birth date, or other identifying information. Your answers will not be used to identify you. There are no right or wrong answers. We just want to know your opinions and hear about your experiences. Please be honest. The data from these surveys will be shared with our research partners at UNC Chapel Hill. They will not have any data that could be used to identify you.   If you have any questions at any point, please let us know.  
   
 **North Carolina Survivor's Union & the Urban Survivor's Union**

Q37 Do you agree to take this survey?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q1 What is your age in years?

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Q2 What is your gender?

* Female (1)
* Male (2)
* Trans Male (3)
* Trans Female (4)
* Intersex (5)
* Non-Binary, Queer, or Gender Non-Conforming (6)
* Other, please specify: (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to disclose (8)

Q3 What is your race or ethnicity?

* Asian/Pacific Islander (1)
* Black/African American (2)
* Hispanic/Latino (3)
* White (4)
* Middle Eastern/Arab (5)
* Bi-racial (6)
* Native/Indigenous American (7)
* Other, please specify: (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to disclose (9)

Q4 Do you have health insurance?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q39 Do you have a doctor you trust with your health concerns related to drug use?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q5 In the past 12 months, have you injected drugs?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q40 In the past 12 months, have you skin popped?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q41 In the past 12 months, have you missed a shot?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q6 Have you injected any of the following drugs? For each drug, please check whether you have injected it **ever** or at some point in the **past 12 months**.

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|  | Ever (1) | In the past 12 Months (2) |
| Cocaine (1) |  |  |
| Crack (2) |  |  |
| Heroin (3) |  |  |
| Fentanyl (4) |  |  |
| Meth / Methamphetamine (5) |  |  |
| Opana ER (6) |  |  |
| OxyContin OP (7) |  |  |
| Other pain pills, please specify: (8) |  |  |
| Xanax / Valium / Benzos (9) |  |  |
| Other, please specify: (10) |  |  |

Q46 **Endocarditis is a heart infection that can make you have weak or damaged heart values or lining.**

Q7 Have you ever been told by a doctor that you had endocarditis?

* Yes (3)
* No (4)

Q47 Have you been told by a doctor that you had endocarditis in the past 12 months?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Have you ever been told by a doctor that you had endocarditis?  = Yes

Q9 Have you ever had to stay in the hospital overnight for your endocarditis?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Have you ever been told by a doctor that you had endocarditis?  = Yes

Q10 Have you ever had to get surgery for endocarditis?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Have you ever been told by a doctor that you had endocarditis?  = Yes

Q11 Are you living with endocarditis untreated?

* Yes (3)
* No (4)
* Unsure / don't know (5)

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Q44 **A skin or soft tissue infection can look like a red lump that is tender, warm, and may ooze pus. Your skin can also be red, warm, tender and swollen. These infections are sometimes also called abscesses or cellulitis.**  
  
**Can we show you pictures of what these infections might look like?**

* Yes (4)
* No (7)

Skip To: Q12 If A skin or soft tissue infection can look like a red lump that is tender, warm, and may ooze pus.... = No

Q52 Below are some pictures of what abscesses and cellulitis can look like.   
    
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Q12 Have you ever had a skin or soft tissue infection?

* Yes (5)
* No (7)

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Q45 Have you had a skin or soft tissue infection in the past 12 months?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Have you had a skin or soft tissue infection in the past 12 months? = Yes

Q33 About how many different skin or soft tissue infections have you had in the past 12 months?

* 1 (4)
* 2-4 (5)
* 5-7 (6)
* 8 or more (7)
* Unsure / don't know (8)

Q13 In order to treat a skin or soft tissue infection, have you ever taken antibiotic pills that were not prescribed to you by a doctor, nurse, or some other healthcare provider?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If In order to treat a skin or soft tissue infection, have you ever taken antibiotic pills that were... = Yes

Q14 Where did you get the antibiotic pills from?

* A friend (1)
* Family (2)
* Dealer or supplier (3)
* Harm reduction organization / syringe exchange (4)
* Other, please specify: (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q15 Have you ever had a skin or soft tissue infection that **did not** go away on its own (without doing anything)?  
   
 This might mean that you had to go see a doctor or someone else, like a friend or family, for help.

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Have you ever had a skin or soft tissue infection that did not go away on its own (without doing... = Yes

Q16 For skin or soft tissue infections that didn't go away on their own, have you ever **delayed** going to a healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, hospital) to get it treated?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Display This Question:

If Have you ever had a skin or soft tissue infection that did not go away on its own (without doing... = Yes

Q43 For skin or soft tissue infections that didn't go away on their own, have you ever **not gone** to see a healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, hospital) to get it treated?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If For skin or soft tissue infections that didn't go away on their own, have you ever delayed going... = Yes

Or For skin or soft tissue infections that didn't go away on their own, have you ever not gone to se... = Yes

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Q17 What are the **three (3)** main reasons you delayed going or did not go at all to a healthcare provider? Select only three responses.

* Too busy / it takes too much time. (132)
* Costs too much. (133)
* Can't get there / need transportation. (134)
* Treated it or took care of it myself. (135)
* Thought it would go away on its own. (136)
* Afraid that I will find out the infection is serious. (137)
* Worried about the medical procedures (drainage). (138)
* Judgement or mistreatment by medical staff. (139)
* Bad experiences when I went other times. (140)
* Don't want to go through withdrawal from being in the hospital. (141)
* Legal concerns (warrants, child protective services) (142)
* Other, please specify: (143)

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Q18 **For the next few questions, please think about the last time you had a skin or soft tissue infection, including if you currently have one.**   
    
As a reminder skin and soft tissue infections are things like abscesses or cellulitis.

Q19 About how long ago did you first notice the infection?

* A few weeks ago (1)
* 1-3 months ago (2)
* 4-6 months ago (3)
* 6-12 months ago (4)
* Over a year ago (5)
* Other, please specify: (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q20 After you first noticed the infection, about how long did you wait before getting treatment or help from someone else?   
  
Someone else could be anyone including a doctor, a friend, or someone from a community organization.

* A few weeks (1)
* 1-3 months (2)
* 4-6 months (3)
* 6-12 months (4)
* Over a year (5)
* I didn't get or haven't gotten treatment from someone else. (6)
* Other, please specify: (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q21 Did you have a fever, feel extremely chilled, or have uncontrollable shaking?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Not sure (3)

Q22 Did you get treatment or help for the infection from any of the following people or places? Select all that apply.

* Friend (1)
* Family member (2)
* Harm reduction organization (syringe exchange program, drug user union) (3)
* Dealer or supplier (4)
* Doctor's office or clinic (5)
* Hospital or emergency room (6)
* Another person or place? Please specify: (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* I didn't get treatment or help from anyone. (8)

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Q23 Did you have to get treatment for the infection at the emergency room?

* Yes (15)
* No (16)

Q48 Did you get intravenous (IV) antibiotics for the infection?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Not sure / don't know (3)

Q49 Did you stay overnight at the hospital because the infection was really bad?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q50 Did you have to get surgery for the infection?

* Yes (4)
* No (5)

Q24 Did you take antibiotic pills to treat the infection?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Not sure / don't know (3)

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If Did you take antibiotic pills to treat the infection? = Yes

Q25 Were the antibiotic pills prescribed to you?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Were the antibiotic pills prescribed to you? = Yes

Q26 Did you finish all of the pills you were given?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Not sure / don't know (3)

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If Were the antibiotic pills prescribed to you? = No

Q27 Where did you get the antibiotic pills from?

* Friend (1)
* Family (2)
* Dealer or supplier (3)
* Harm reduction organization (4)
* Other, please specify: (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q28 Do you still have the infection?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Do you still have the infection? = No

Q29 Did it go away completely after any of the following?

* On its own or without doing anything (1)
* After taking antibiotics (2)
* After draining pus out of it (popping it) but without any antibiotics (3)
* After taking antibiotics **AND** draining pus out of it (popping it) (4)

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Q30 We are trying to figure out ways to get treatment to people with skin infections. Do you have any ideas about how we can make it easier for people to get treatment and/or improve treatment in general?

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Q31 Is there anything else you want to tell us about skin and soft tissue infections?

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Q32 Thanks for your response. We will be getting back to this exchange with the survey results. Results from this survey will also be available at StrengthAndNumbers.org.  
    
Please contact this exchange if you have any concerns, questions, or would like to hear about what we learned from this survey.   
    
**Click the arrow below to finish the survey.**

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