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# Gumma

A gumma is a soft, tumor-like growth of the tissues (granuloma) that occurs in people with syphilis.

## Causes

A gumma is caused by the bacteria that cause syphilis. It appears during late-stage tertiary syphilis. It most often contains a mass of dead and swollen fiber-like tissue. It is most often seen in the liver. It also can occur in the:

- Bone
- Brain
- Heart
- Skin
- Testis
- Eyes

Similar-looking sores sometimes occur with tuberculosis.

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