

- Are people with eczema more prone to infections?

Infections

- Skin barrier affected by eczema so more prone to infection
- Staph Aureus infection: rapidly worsening eczema with weeping, honey coloured crusts, pustules
 - Topical fusidic acid (Fucidin[®], Fucidin H[®], Fucibet[®]) if localized
 - Po flucloxacillin/clarithromycin if more extensive



Infections - Herpes simplex infection

- Rapidly worsening painful eczema with groups of blisters, punched out ulcers (1-3 mm in diameter) with crusting
- 10 times the risk of eczema herpeticum
- Younger children need i/v aciclovir, older children – po aciclovir
- If suspect it treat it – can always take them off it and safe medication (labs take 2-3 days to get result back)

