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Paronychia

National Cancer Institute

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An acute or chronic infection of the soft tissues around the nail. Symptoms include pain, tenderness, erythema, and swelling around the nail. Acute infection results from minor trauma to the fingertip and *Staphylococcus aureus* is usually the causative agent. Chronic infection is usually caused by *Candida albicans*.