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# Cellulitis

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## Definitions

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### [Peripheral arterial disease \(PAD\)](#)

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### [Diabetes](#)

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### [Ulcer](#)

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## Source

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A skin infection caused by bacteria that gets into the skin through a wound. Cellulitis may develop from skin problems such as [ulcers](#), eczema, psoriasis, or a fungal infection like ***athlete's foot***. People with [diabetes](#), [peripheral arterial disease](#), or a weakened [immune system](#) may develop cellulitis. If not treated with antibiotics, the infection can spread to the blood or lymph nodes and cause death.