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Athlete's foot

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Definitions

Diabetes

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Immune system

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Cellulitis

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A fungal infection of the skin on the foot, also called ***tinea pedis***. The fungus is common in people with **diabetes**, the elderly, and people with an impaired **immune system**. The skin may peel, crack, bleed, or cause pain. Some people have no symptoms and do not know they have an infection. The affected skin is also more vulnerable to bacteria that cause **cellulitis**.

Common Types of Athlete's Foot

- moccasin, which affects the soles of the feet
- interdigital, which affects the skin between the toes
- inflammatory or blistering, which affects the soles and sides of the feet