STANDARD TREATMENT WORKFLOW (STW)

Bacterial Skin Infections

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BACTERIAL SKIN INFECTIONS

ICD-10-L01, L73.9, L08, L02, L03, A46, L00

1. IMPETIGO
- Clinical Features: Wet yellow brown crusts overlying red inflamed skin
- Types: Non bullous (NBI; commoner), bullous (BI)
- Affected age group: usually children
- Common sites: Face (perinasal, perioral) > extremities; extensive with scabes/ atopic eczema
- Management: Topical antibiotics for 5 days
- Oral antibiotics for extensive involvement or numerous lesions, lymphadenopathy or in outbreaks to prevent transmission

2. ECZEMA
- Clinical Features: Black thick crust (eschar) with underlying ulcer & surrounding redness & edema
- Management: Treat with oral antibiotics for 7 days
- Gentle crust removal may be attempted after soakage with sterile saline: topical antibiotics over the exposed ulcer

3. FOLICULITIS
- Clinical Features: Hair follicle centred pusule/ papule
- Rule out non bacterial causes: oils, chemicals, waxing, epilation, occlusive dressing
- Recurrent folliculitis: recurrent infection or outbreak in multiple members of family may indicate nasal Staphylococcus aureus carriage or human-pet transmission
- Management: Topical antibiotics for 5 days
- Oral antibiotics for multiple lesions
- Anti-inflammatory: Paracetamol 500mg/ Ibuprofen 400mg SOS for pain relief

4. FURUNCLE

5. CARBUNCLE

6. CUTANEOUS ABSCES