

GROUP A STREP

(Group A Streptococcus)



Group A Streptococcus is the name given to a type of bacteria sometimes found in the throat or on the skin. Most people who come into contact with Group A Strep remain well and symptom free.

Group A can cause throat infections, scarlet fever or skin infections such as cellulitis or impetigo. These infections are usually treated with antibiotics. In some rare cases, it can cause a severe illness also known as Invasive Group A Strep 'iGAS'

Signs and Symptoms to look out for:

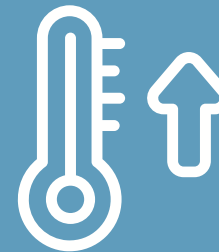
Sore throat



Headache



High Temperature



Nausea and vomiting



A generalised pinhead rash that feels like sandpaper, typically on the chest and stomach to start.



If you think you, or your child may have scarlet fever/strep A:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.