## **About skin disorders**

Skin rashes can cause changes in the color, appearance or texture of the skin (epidermis). Pain, itch, discomfort, bumps, swelling, and dryness are examples of skin irritation. Plants, allergies (food allergy), anxiety, bacteria, virus, and even certain types of clothing may cause skin rashes.

Severe rashes (<u>skin rashes</u>) may be caused by measles or chicken pox. Many people are allergic to the substances found in or on poisonous plants, such as <u>poison ivy</u>, <u>poison oak</u>, or <u>poison sumac</u>.

Rare conditions affecting the skin and associated with high death rates include Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), Lyell's syndrome(LS), or toxic epidermal necrolysis. Indicators may include a painful red or purple rash with blisters (often affecting the mucous membranes). It is most often an allergic reaction to medication or infection; symptoms include itching, fever, joint aches and numerous skin lesions.

Dermatologists specialize in disorders of the skin to include <u>acne</u>, <u>eczema</u>, psoriasis, <u>dry skin</u> and dermatitis.

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