**SUPERFICIAL BACTERIAL INFECTIONS**

- Are any of the following present?
  - Immunocompromised
  - Valvular heart disease
  - Recurrent episode of skin infection (within a few months of last infection)

- Are any of the following present?
  - Fever and fatigue
  - Blisters on diaper area, legs and/or armpits
  - Multiple widespread painful lesions
  - Area of inflammation has expanded rapidly over a few hours

- Assess symptoms to confirm self-diagnosis
  +/- previous diagnosis of impetigo or folliculitis by physician

- Symptoms typical of impetigo:
  - Individual red lesions which form blisters
  - Yellow exudate forming a crust
  - Painless sores, may be itchy
  - Usually affects face (mouth and nose) and hands

- Symptoms typical of folliculitis:
  - Pimples around hair follicles
  - Tender and sore to the touch
  - Itchy

- Unable to confirm self-diagnosis, or:
  - Affected area is extensive (larger than 2-3 small patches)

- Non-pharmacological treatment; AND,
  - Impetigo: prescribe mupirocin (5 days) or fusidic acid (7-10 days)
  - Folliculitis: prescribe mupirocin or fusidic acid for 7-10 days

- Follow up in 48 hours

- Infection responding to treatment?
  - YES
    - Infection mostly resolved by end of treatment?
      - YES
        - Discontinue therapy
      - NO
        - REFER
  - NO
    - REFER

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