

# (IMPETIGO) NURSING CARE PLAN

Medical Diagnosis: Impetigo		
Subjective Data:	Nursing Intervention (ADPIE)	Rationale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Itching</li> <li>• Malaise</li> <li>• Generalized weakness</li> </ul>	Assess skin for lesions; note color and presence of crusting	Open sores or blisters may form around mouth and nose, but may also be located on trunk and extremities. Ruptured blisters and sores may have yellow crusting on or around the lesions.
	Assess vitals; note fever	Monitor for signs of systemic infection or complication
	Maintain contact precautions	Disease is spread through direct contact with lesions. Use PPE and sanitize equipment or tools (or use disposable equipment if available)
<b>Objective Data:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple lesions or bullae around the mouth, nose, or extremities</li> <li>• Honey-colored crust around lesions</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Diarrhea</li> </ul>	Apply topical antibiotics with sterile, individual applicators	Topical antibiotics may be appropriate when a small area is affected. A 7 day course is generally required.  Make sure to avoid contamination of container and other areas when applying topical treatments.
	Administer oral antibiotics	Oral antibiotics may provide better treatment of infection than topical treatments alone. There should be signs of improvement after 2-3 days of treatment.
	Make sure patient's fingernails are trimmed and clean; use mittens or socks on the hands of infants as appropriate	Itching is a common symptom. Scratching lesions will cause the disease to spread to other parts of the body, or other people.
	Educate patient and caregivers about how to prevent the spread of disease to others	Infected child should use their own towels and linens which should be washed alone.  Ensure good hand washing habits; Avoid contact with others who may have depressed immune system.  Avoid outside play, high temperatures that will make the sores worse.