

## Acne (Pimples)

Acne is a medical condition characterised by blackheads, whiteheads, pimples and cysts, usually affecting the face, back and chest. It is triggered by hormonal changes associated with puberty and usually begins in the teenage years. Acne often resolves after 8-10years. More severe cases can lead to permanent scarring.

Self-help strategies for acne include avoiding squeezing acne lesions, using a mild skin-cleansing regimen, eating a healthy diet and avoiding overexposure to the sun. There are some treatments available over the counter for management of acne; however more severe cases of acne may need prescription medications. It is always advisable to consult your GP if you are concerned about any skin problems.

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