



PEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE UNLIMITED

Ringworm of the Body (Tinea Corporis)

DEFINITION

Diagnostic Findings

- Ring-shaped pink patch
- Scaly, raised border
- Clear center
- Usually 1/2 to 1 inch in size
- Mildly itchy

Cause

Ringworm is caused by a fungus infection of the skin, often transferred from puppies or kittens who have it.

Expected Course

It responds well to appropriate treatment.

HOME CARE

Antifungal Cream. Buy Tinactin or Lotrimin cream at your drugstore. You won't need a prescription. Apply the cream twice daily to the rash and 1 inch beyond its borders. Continue this treatment for 1 week after the ringworm patch is smooth and seems to be gone. Encourage your child to avoid scratching the area.

Contagiousness. Ringworm of the skin is not contagious enough to worry about. After 48 hours of treatment, it is not contagious at all. Your child doesn't have to miss any school (or day care).

CALL OUR OFFICE

During regular hours if

- The rash has not cleared up in 4 weeks.
- The ringworm continues to spread after 1 week of treatment.
- The scalp becomes involved. (Reason: an oral medicine is needed.)
- You have other concerns or questions.