



PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

Urgent Care Center and Symptom Care Clinic Nursing Discharge Instructions: Cellulitis

This information explains nursing discharge instructions for cellulitis from the Urgent Care Center (UCC) or the Symptom Care Clinic (SCC).

Cellulitis

Keep the area clean and dry. Always wash your hands before and after touching the wound.

For more specific instructions, follow up with your healthcare team.

Take your medications as prescribed.

Call your MSK healthcare team or visit the nearest emergency room if you have:

- New or worsening pain.
- A new rash or any changes in the way the area looks (such as increased redness or streaking).
- Fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher.
- Shaking chills.
- A wound that will not heal.

Your care team may direct you to your regional Symptom Care Clinic (SCC) or the Urgent Care Center (UCC).

Follow up with your MSK healthcare team after discharge.

You can search for information on this topic and many others in MSK's Patient and Caregiver Education library at www.mskcc.org/pe

If you have questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider. A member of your care team will answer Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside those hours, you can leave a message or talk with another MSK provider. There is always a doctor or nurse on call. If you're not sure how to reach your healthcare provider, call 212-639-2000.

For more resources, visit www.mskcc.org/pe to search our virtual library.

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