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SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS

Cellulitis, abscess, and other skin and soft tissue infections (SSTIs) are among the most common infections treated in hospitals. Uncomplicated skin and soft tissue infections account for millions of physician visits in the U.S. yearly. It is estimated that the cost for treating these infections is in excess of $350 million annually. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) has become more prevalent in the past decade and is one of the major causes of SSTIs. Despite a large burden on the health care system, relatively little has been described in the medical literature regarding SSTIs in the hospital setting, aside from clinical trials of new therapeutic agents.

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