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Cellulitis is a	infection of t	the skin and	oun beneath	the skin. Unlike im	petigo, which is
a very superficial sk	in infection, cellulitis	is an infection that	also involves th	e skin's deeper layer	rs: the dermis
and subcutaneous tis	ssue.				
The main bacteria re	esponsible for celluliti	s are Streptococcus	and Staphyloco	occus ("staph"), the s	same bacteria
that can cause impet	tigo. MRSA (methicill	lin-resistant Staph a	nureus) can also	cause cellulitis. Son	netimes, other
bacteria (for exampl	e, Hemophilus influer	nzae, Pneumococcu	s, and Clostridiu	ım species) may cau	se cellulitis as
well.					
Cellulitis is fairly co	ommon and affects peo	ople of all races and	l ages. Men and	women appear to be	e equally
affected. Although c	cellulitis can occur in p	people of any age,	t is most commo	on in middle-aged ar	nd elderly
people. Cellulitis is	not contagious.				