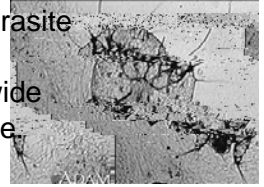


Scabies

Scabies is a highly contagious skin infection that is caused by an infestation of a parasite (Sarcoptes scabiei). This mite burrows under the skin and causes intense itching. Dermatologists estimate that more than 300 million cases of scabies occur worldwide each year. Scabies can infect anyone regardless of age, race or personal hygiene.



The earliest and most common symptom of scabies is itching, especially at night. This itching is caused by an allergic reaction to the toxins the female mite releases as she lays eggs in the burrows under the skin. The adult mites live closer to the skin surface and can be scratched off the skin. If this happens,

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