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Tinea

"Tinea" refers to a skin infection with a [dermatophyte](#) (ringworm) fungus.

Depending on which part of the body is affected, it is given a specific name.

- [Tinea barbae](#) (beard)
- [Tinea capitis](#) (head)
- [Tinea corporis](#) (body)
- [Tinea cruris](#) (groin)
- [Tinea faciei](#) (face)
- [Tinea manuum](#) (hand)
- [Tinea pedis](#) (foot)
- [Tinea unguium](#) (nail)

Sometimes, the name gives a different meaning.

- [Tinea versicolor](#), also more accurately called Pityriasis versicolor, a common yeast infection on the trunk
- [Tinea incognita](#) when the clinical appearance has changed because of inappropriate treatment
- [Tinea nigra](#) affects the palms or soles which appear brown (on white skin) or black (on dark skin)

Related information

On DermNet NZ:

- [Introduction to fungal infections](#)
- [Mycology of dermatophytes](#)
- [Laboratory tests for fungal infections](#)
- [Treatment of fungal infections](#)

Other websites:

- [emedicine dermatology](#) has several chapters about tinea

Books:

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If you have any concerns with your skin or its treatment, see a [dermatologist](#) for advice.

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