

Erysipeloid

Characteristics

Erysipeloid is an occupational disease of butchers, meat processors, farmers, poultry workers and fishermen.

The disease is caused by *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae*, a Gram-positive facultative anaerobic rod that enters the body through skin injuries when working with a contaminated animal, products or soil.

The bacteria causes **inflammatory skin lesions** on the fingers or hands that itch and hurt.

Therapy

Penicillin can be given.

Links

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