

The number of chicken pox lesions a person gets varies considerably. The usual range is 100 to 300 lesions. Usually, older children and adults develop more lesions than young children. Also cases of chicken pox acquired from contact with household members are typically more severe than those acquired from community contact. This is presumably because household contacts have closer contact. People who have previously traumatized skin, such as from a sunburn or eczema, may also develop a more extensive rash. In addition to affecting the skin, chicken pox can also cause lesions on the mucous membranes in the eyes, mouth, and vagina.

Diagnosis of Chicken Pox

Chicken pox is typically diagnosed clinically based on the history of viral symptoms and the characteristic appearance of the rash. However, sometimes chicken pox can be confused with herpes simplex, impetigo, insect bites, or scabies. Sometimes a viral culture can be performed to confirm the diagnosis, but it takes from 1 to 14 days to get the results.

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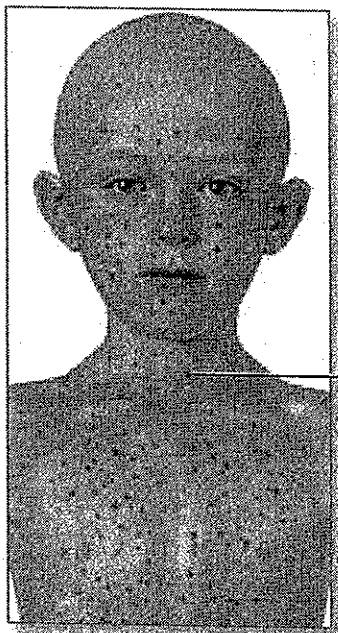
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