

Hives

Also called: urticaria

A skin rash triggered by a reaction to food, medicine or other irritants.

Very common

More than 10 million cases per year (India)



Can't be cured, but treatment may help



Usually self-diagnosable



Lab tests or imaging rarely required



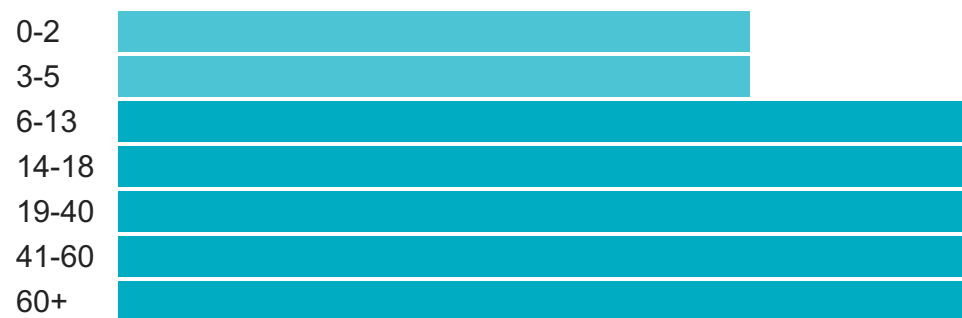
Short-term: resolves within days to weeks

Hives is a common skin rash triggered by many things including certain foods, medications, and stress.

Symptoms include itchy, raised, red or skin-coloured welts on the skin's surface.

Hives usually go away without treatment, but antihistamine medications are often helpful in improving symptoms.

Ages affected



Symptoms

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People may experience:**Skin:** raised area of skin, swelling, or inflammation in response to touch**Also common:** swelling, itching, or acute episodes

Consult a doctor for medical advice

Note: The information you see describes what usually happens with a medical condition, but doesn't apply to everyone. This information isn't medical advice, so make sure that you contact a health care provider if you have a medical problem. If you think you may have a medical emergency, call your doctor or a emergency number immediately.