

# I have Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS).

This condition has been diagnosed by my doctor:

**What is it?** HS is a chronic inflammatory skin condition that causes sore red lumps and lesions in the folds of skin. It is NOT a contagious infectious disease. Because of its appearance and location, HS is often misdiagnosed as an infected abscess, boil, cyst or folliculitis. HS lesions cause pain, itching, drainage and odor.

**Where does HS happen?** HS happens under the arms, chest, breasts, genitals, buttocks, and thighs. It can also happen on the neck, belly, and back.

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**At times, I may have painful flares that can look like an infected boil. If I have a flare, I'd like a chance to explain what has worked for me in the past.**

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