

Disorders of the Integumentary System



Did you know that your skin is the largest organ of your body? It is, in terms of both weight—between 6 and 9 pounds—and surface area—about 2 square yards. Your skin separates the inside of your body from the outside world. It protects you from bacteria and viruses, and regulates your body temperature.

Conditions that irritate, clog, or inflame your skin can cause symptoms such as redness, swelling, burning, and itching. Allergies, irritants, your genetic makeup, and certain diseases and immune system problems can cause dermatitis, hives, and other skin conditions. Many skin problems, such as acne, also affect your appearance. Your skin can also develop several kinds of cancers

Choose four (2 if you are by yourself) from the list and include the following information. You may use any others you choose; this list is just a suggestion.

Cold Sore, Athlete's Foot, Boils, Contact Dermatitis, Impetigo, Psoriasis, Cellulitis, Toe Nail Fungus. Poison Ivy

Answer the following questions or statements:

- Title your project Disorders of the Integumentary System and type your names below it.
- Include a picture of each disorder you chose.
- Describe the cause for each disorder.
- Describe what you will see on the skin/where it is affected. Include if it is itchy, burning, swollen, bacterial, fungal or puss filled.
- Is the disorder contagious, and if so, how can it be transmitted?
- Treatment for each disorder.

Info:

"Skin Diseases: Skin Health and Skin Diseases." *U.S National Library of Medicine*. U.S. National Library of Medicine, n.d. Web. 04 Mar. 2014.

Picture:

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