

STREP THROAT

(Streptococcal Sore Throat)

BASIC INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Infection and inflammation of the pharynx by streptococcal bacteria. Strep throat is contagious. One out of 4 family members usually catches it within 2 to 7 days after exposure. It is most common in children. Infection can be present in individuals with no symptoms, but who can still spread the germs (carrier state).

FREQUENT SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Rapid onset of throat pain.
- Throat pain that is worse when swallowing.
- Appetite loss.
- Headache.