

© Jeni Wie 2000

Scabies

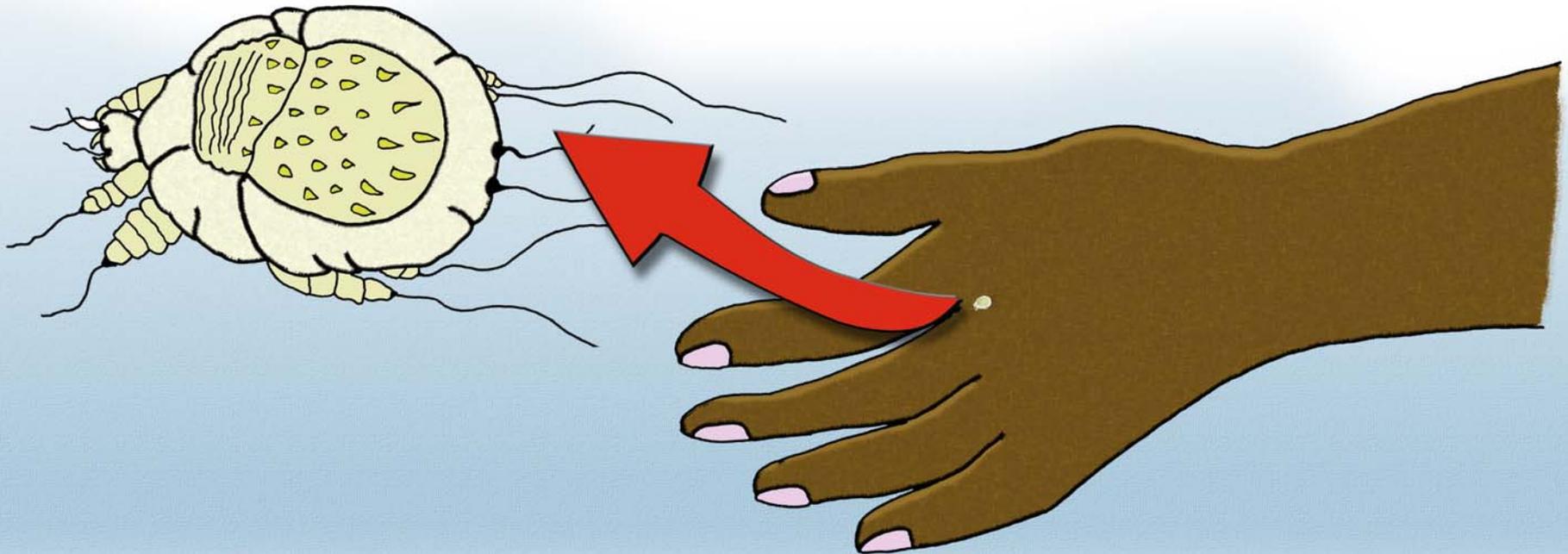


Menzies School of Health Research
Northern Territory, Australia

Contact: *Scabies Unit, Menzies School of Health Research*
PO Box 41096, CASUARINA, N.T. 0811
Phone: (08) 8922-8196

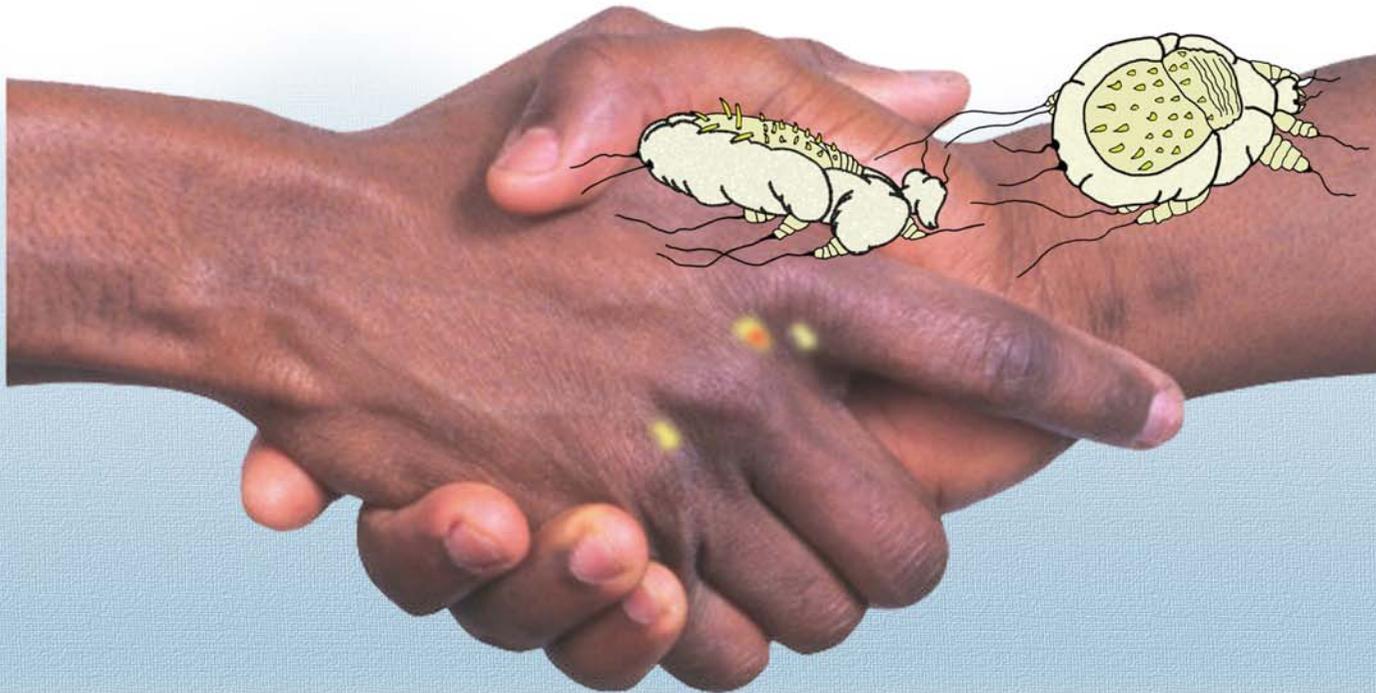
What Is Scabies ?

- *Scabies is a skin disease.*
- *It is caused by small insects that crawl under the skin.*
- *They can make you itchy.*



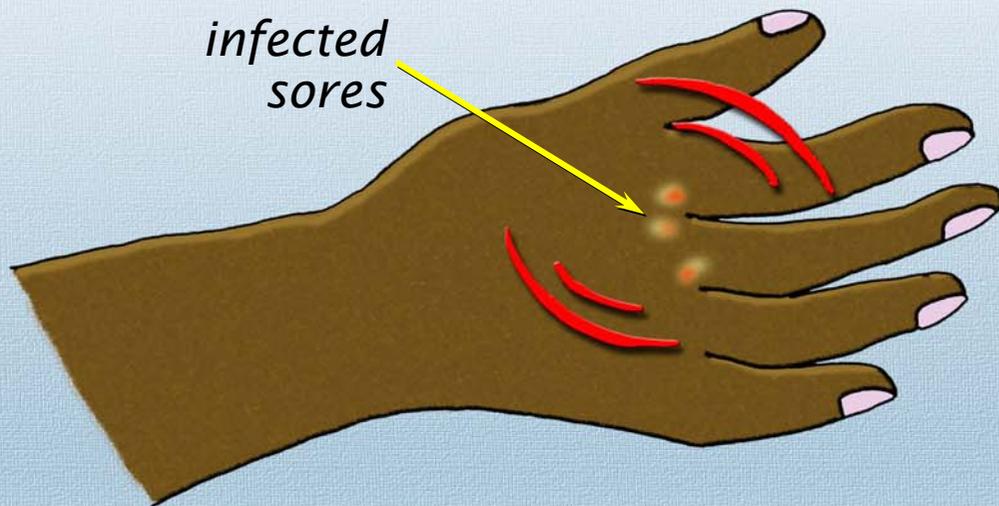
How do you get Scabies ?

- *You get Scabies from other people who already have Scabies. If you shake their hand or hug them you could get Scabies.*



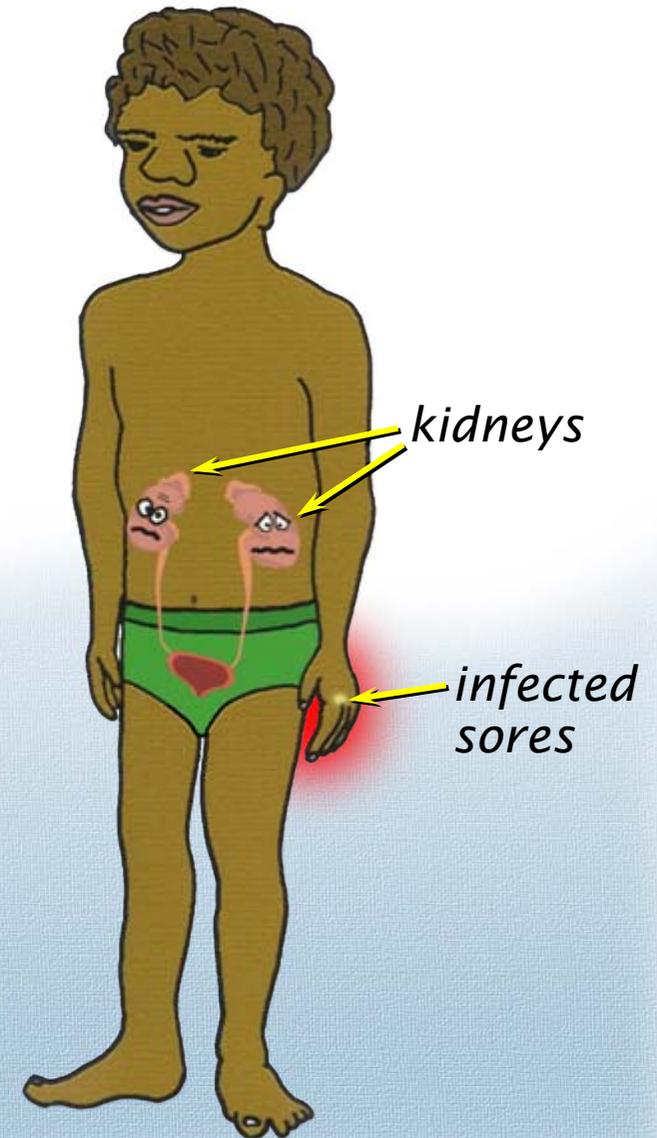
How do I know if I've got Scabies?

- *You will feel itchy and might get sores on your hands and other places on your body.*



Can I get sick from Scabies?

- *Scabies can make you very sick.*
- *Strep germs get in through the Scabies sores and can poison your blood. This can make your kidneys sick too.*



Why are my Scabies worse than others' ?

- *There are different types of Scabies. Ordinary and Crusted Scabies.*



Ordinary Scabies infected with Streptococcus



Crusted Scabies

What should I do about it ?

- *If you think you've got Scabies see a health worker, nurse or doctor. They can give you some Scabies medicine. If your Scabies is really bad you might need to go to hospital for medicine.*



Can we make them stay away ?

- *Treat everyone in your house with the Scabies medicine.
Make sure you wash all the clothes and sheets.
Put your mattresses out in the sun.
Give your house a good scrub.*

