Flesh and Blood [1]

Week of:
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Strep that eats flesh scares me! [2]

Dear Alice,

There has been lot of concern in the media regarding the strep variant of bacteria which eats flesh! Unfortunately not much literature is easily available for the prevention of this infection. Could you please post the general precautions?

Thanx,
Concerned!!

Read more [2]

Waiter, there's blood in my soup? Does the chef have any diseases? [3]

Dear Alice,

I was in a restaurant where I saw a cook cut his hand, and go on about making food. Can people who eat this contaminated food get diseases from his blood, like HIV, hepatitis, etc.???

Thanks.

Read more [3]

Getting rid of blood spots on skin? [4]

Dear Alice,
In reviewing your health comments under skin problems, I noticed there was nothing about blood blisters or blood spots, whichever they are called. My daughter and I have these ugly spots on our back, chest, and legs. Can you tell me what causes these and is there any way of getting rid of them?

Sincerely,

Mary

Why is my psychiatrist asking for a blood test?

Dear Alice,

I recently went to a new psychiatrist and he requested a blood test. I was wondering what he was ordering a blood test for, so I asked him and he said many things. I was wondering if he is testing me for drugs? I am not a huge smoker (marijuana). But I do smoke usually multiple times a week, and did not feel the need to share that with my doctor yet. Could you tell me what they are testing me for?

Skin tag removal?

(1) Alice,

Over the past six months, I've been getting lots of "skin tags." I've had one or two under my arms for years but suddenly they're popping up on my neck. They're not discolored, but they're still kind of gross. What ARE these things? What causes them? How can I get rid of them? Are they preventable?

Signed,
Tagged for Life?

(2) Hi Alice!

This is disgusting and embarrassing but I have these things I refer to as "skin tags" on my armpits and I started developing them on my bikini line. Needless to say I stopped shaving my bikini line but they don't go away. Is there anything to do other than minor surgery to get rid of them? Do you even know what I'm talking about? I don't have a problem with shaving cream or razor burn. They are embarrassing.

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