Epidemiology of Skin Conditions – the story so far

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Overview

- Impetigo
- Scabies
- Crusted Scabies







Impetigo



- Bacterial infection of superficial skin
- GAS and *S aureus*
- LL > UL
- Painful, itchy, inflammatory



Impetigo: Global Burden

- 89 studies over 45 y
- >145 000 children
- Median prevalence
- Pooled prevalence

12% (IQR 4 – 19%) 17% (IQR 13 – 21%)

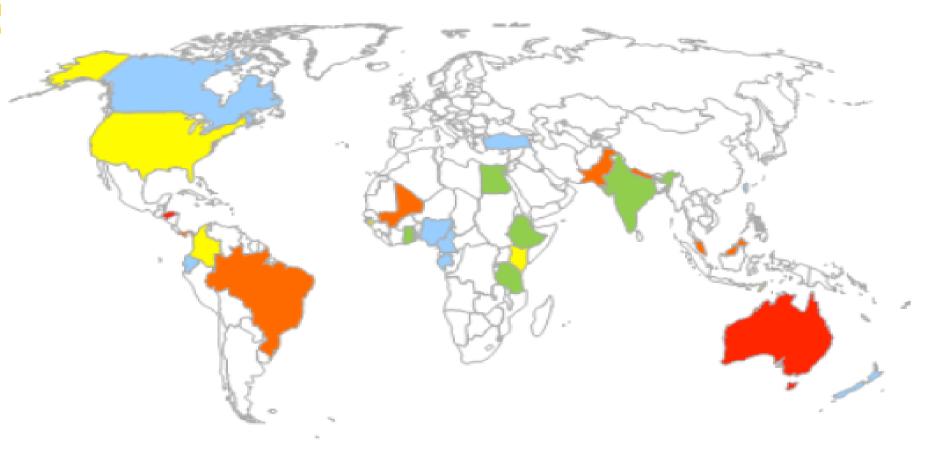
 > 162 million children with impetigo at any one time

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Figure 2: Map of countries with available population-based studies of impetigo prevalence, highlighted and colour coded by median prevalence of impetigo.



Coding of median prevalence 0-5% blue, 5.1-10% green, 10.1-15% yellow, 15.1-20% orange and >20% red. Source: Map from powerpointworldmaps.com (accessed 14.10.2014).

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Table 3. Estimates of children with impetigo by regions of the world with a vailable data*.

Region	Population in 2012 under 15 years	Median impetigo pre valence in children	Estimated number of children with impetigo
Africa	424,072,000	7% (IQR 4·1-12·3%)	29,685,040
Asia	1,060,076,000	7-3% (IQR 3-0-16-1%)	77,385,548
Oœania*	3,653,000	29.7% (IQR 14.7-42.0%)	1,084,941
Latin American & Caribbean	167,654,000	15-5% (IQR 12-2-20-8%)	25,986,370
TOTAL	1,655,455,000	N/A	134,141,899

*Studies from Australia, New Zealand and North America excluded as all these studies were conducted in small, impoverished populations within these countries that may not reflect the overall burden of impetigo for the childhood population.



Impetigo: Australian burden

- 10 studies, all remote Aboriginal populations
- Median prevalence 45% (IQR 34 49%)
- 16,000 children with impetigo at any one time in remote Qld, NT and WA
- Unchanged over 20 years
- Top 3 reason for clinic visit NT & WA

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Indigenous Australian children

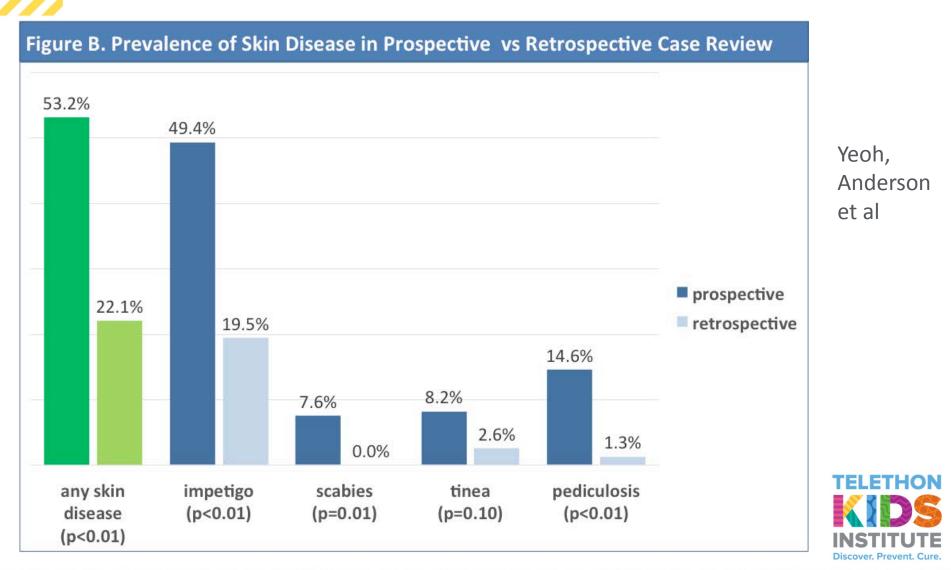
Year	Region	Impetigo (0-15y)	Scabies (0-15y)
1990	Qld	43%	-
1992	NT	17%	-
1993	Qld	34%	-
1994	NT	48%	-
1994	NT	69%	29%
1995	NT	90%	23%
2000	NT	23%	35%
2000	WA	66%	5%
2004	NT	46%	16%
2009	NT	40%	-
Mean		48%	22%

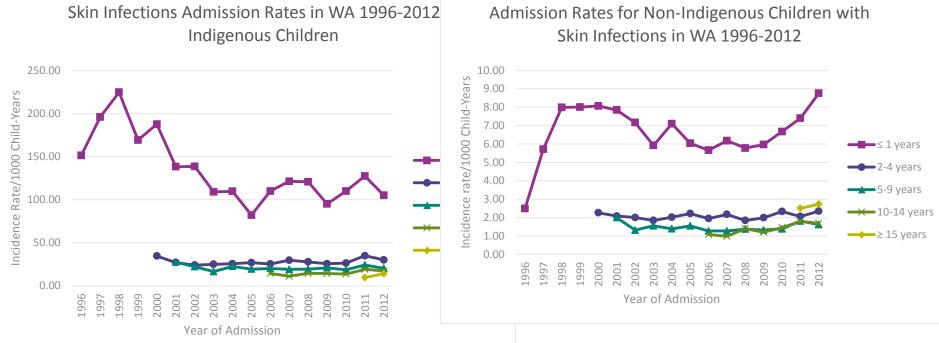
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SCAB-Heal: 'Normalisation'





- 14% children < 1 yo in Kimberley admitted to hospital for SSTI
- 20 fold difference between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children



Hendrickx et al Triple I Project







- Parasitic infection of the superficial skin
- Painful, itchy +++, inflammatory

 Sleeplessness, poor concentration, missed school
- UL > LL



Scabies: Global burden

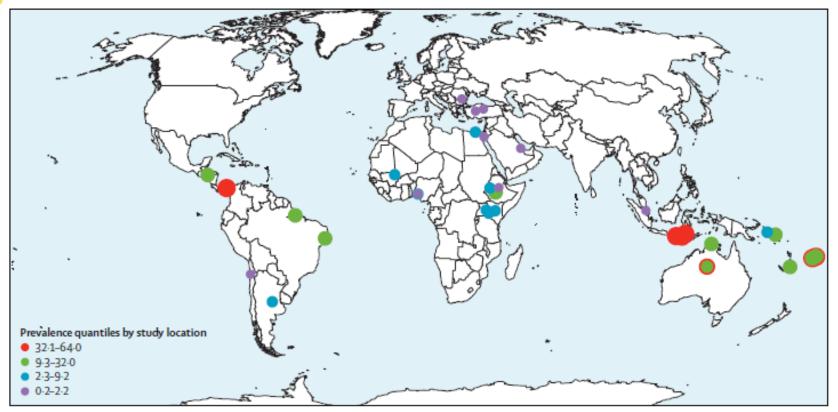
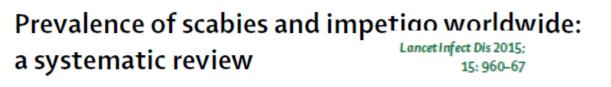


Figure 2: Map of scables prevalence in children younger than 19 years

This map shows the study sites for the 32 studies reporting data in children younger than 19 years (three studies were done at two sites).





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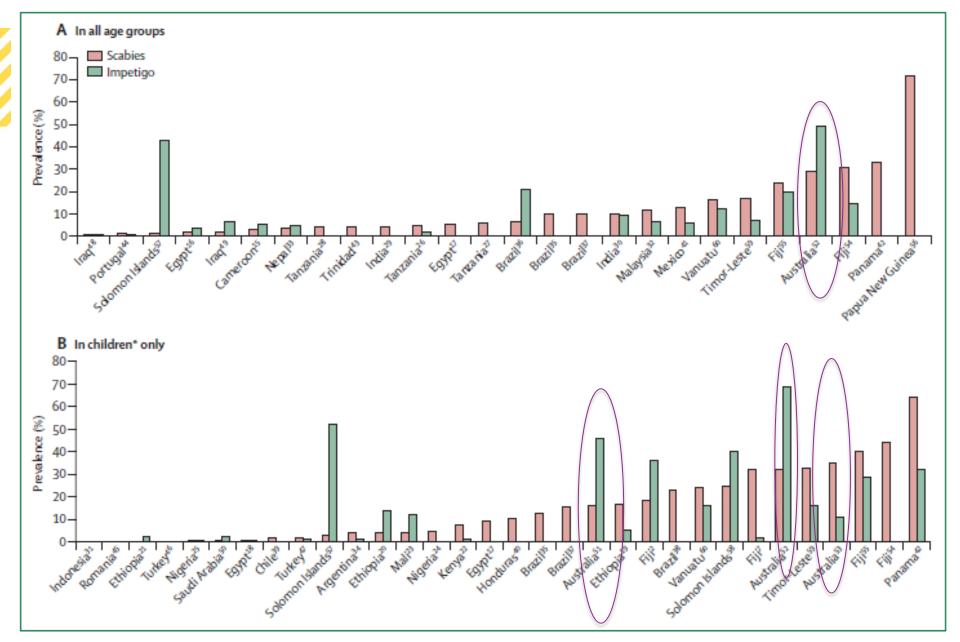


Figure 3: Scables and Impetigo prevalence by Increasing scables prevalence

*Younger than 19 years.



Scabies: Australian burden

- 5 studies with scabies prevalence data in impetigo systematic review
- Mean 22%, median 23% prevalence

- 1st episode often by 2 months of age
- 70% have had scabies by 1 yo

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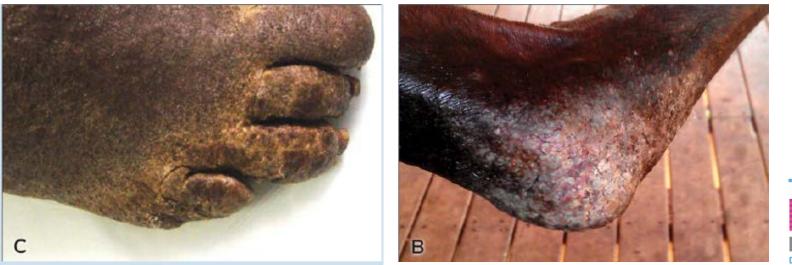


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Crusted Scabies

- Severe form of scabies with crusting of skin
- Millions of mites, highly infectious
- Core transmitters within community
- Often don't present to health service, hidden



Lokuge et al MJA 2014

Crusted Scabies: Global burden

- 1 case in SHIFT study in Fiji (n~ 2000)
- Immuno-compromised hosts
- Nursing home residents







Crusted Scabies: Australia

- 1 in 300 Indigenous people in the NT have crusted scabies through active case findings
- Burden undescribed elsewhere in Australia
- Crusted scabies rates in Australia are highest in the world





Other skin infections

- Fungal infections
- Head Lice
- Celllulitis
- Abscess



