

TINEA VERSICOLOR

(Also called pityriasis versicolor)

It is not harmful, but many people dislike the way it discolors their skin.

We all have yeast living on our skin. When the yeast grow out of control, a person can get a skin disease called tinea versicolor.

Your dermatologist may tell you that you have a fungal infection on your skin. Yeast is a type of fungus.

Tinea versicolor is not contagious.

You cannot get tinea versicolor from someone else. You cannot give it to someone.

Many people get tinea versicolor. It is one of the most common skin diseases in tropical and subtropical areas of the world. People who live in tropical areas may have tinea versicolor year-round.

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