

Treating Ringworm

Ringworm is a fungus infection of the skin and you can reassure your child that it has absolutely nothing to do with worms. The term "ringworm" is derived from the characteristic red ring that appears on a person's skin when ringworm is present. It begins as one or more small round red spots which become larger and then the center begins to clear. It then appears as a ring shaped irritation with a slightly elevated scaly border and a patchy pale center.

Sometimes you will only see one sore on your child's body and immediate treatment will prevent more from developing. You can treat ringworm with an appropriate over-the-counter antifungal cream. Continue treatment for one week after signs and symptoms are gone.

If more than a few spots exist, or his or her scalp has sores, call us for an appointment. Ringworm is contagious, but children can usually go back to school or daycare after treatment has started.