



Blastomycosis

Blastomycosis is a fungal infection that can affect the skin or the internal organs.

How can you get it?

People get blastomycosis from breathing in airborne fungal spores. These spores come from moist or decaying wood, leaves or soil that have been disturbed (by digging, tree clearing, or construction).

Not everyone who is exposed to these spores will become ill.



Symptoms

Cough, fever, fatigue, weight loss, joint or bone pain, back or chest pain, and bumps or sores on the face that do not heal.

Symptoms can take weeks to months to appear after exposure.



Blastomycosis is not contagious.

You cannot get it from another person, or from your pet.

Did you know?



Treatment

Blastomycosis is treatable using a variety of anti-fungal medications, but it is important to get medical attention early to avoid serious illness.



Recommendation

Talk to your doctor if you have potentially been exposed to spores and have the above symptoms.