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A mother brings her child into the clinic with a rash around the mouth. There is concern from the play group that the child attends that they might have impetigo. If they child has impetigo how would the rash appear?

- A) Fissures to the corners of the mouth
- B) Crusty erythematous patches with golden yellow crusting
- C) Raised vesicles around the mouth, and on the lips
- D) Non-blanching petechiae
- E) Bright erythema of the lips, spreading outwards over the vermillion border

Answer

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Answer: Crusty erythematous patches with golden yellow

Impetigo is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the skin, which normally spreads quickly within a group of children, hence exclusion is needed until the lesions have healed or 48hrs after commencing antibiotics. A swab is normally taken to confirm the diagnosis whilst treatment in most cases (non-complicated) is initially topical with topical fusidic acid or mupirocin

The infective organism is usually *S. aureus* or *S. pyogenes*



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