

Community-acquired infection

An [infection](#) contracted outside of a health care setting or an infection present on admission. Community-acquired infections are often distinguished from [nosocomial infection](#), or hospital-acquired, diseases by the types of organisms that affect patients who are recovering from a disease or injury. Community-acquired respiratory infections commonly involve strains of *Haemophilus influenzae* or *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and are usually more antibiotic sensitive.

Community-acquired infections are rare, but may occur in patients with comorbidities, advanced age, diabetes mellitus, chronic lung or renal disease, malignancy, or impaired immunity.

see [Hospital-acquired infection](#)

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