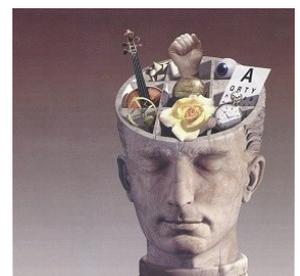


“To keep the body in good health is a duty... otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.”
-BUDDHA

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OCD
When that stack of paper is never quite straight enough.



OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, (OCD), is an anxiety disorder and is characterized by recurrent, unwanted thoughts (obsessions) and/or repetitive behaviors (compulsions). Actions such as hand washing, counting, or cleaning are performed with hope of preventing obsessive thoughts or making them go away. Performing these rituals, however, provides only temporary relief but not performing them markedly increases anxiety.

CAUSES

The cause of obsessive-compulsive disorder isn't fully understood. Main theories include:

- **Biology.** OCD may be result of changes in body's own natural chemistry or brain functions. It may also have genetic component, but specific genes have yet to be identified.
- **Environment.** OCD may stem from behavior-related habits that are learned over time.
- **Insufficient Serotonin.** An insufficient level of serotonin, one of brain's chemical messengers, may contribute to this disorder. In addition, people with OCD who take medications that improve the action of serotonin often have fewer symptoms.

COMMON OBSESSIONS

Following are some obsessions:

- Fear of dirt or germs.
- Disgust with bodily waste/fluids.
- Concern with order, symmetry

(balance) and exactness.

- Worry that a task has been done poorly, even when the person knows this is not true.
- Fear of thinking evil.
- Thinking about certain sounds, images, words or numbers all the time.
- Need of constant reassurance.
- Fear of harming a family member or friend.

COMMON COMPULSIONS

The following are some common compulsions:

- Cleaning & grooming, ex. washing hands/showering or brushing teeth over & over.
- Checking drawers, door locks and appliances to be sure they are shut, locked or turned off.
- Repeating actions, such as going in and out of a door, sitting down and getting up from a chair, or touching certain objects several times.
- Ordering items in certain way.
- Counting to a certain number, over and over.
- Saving newspapers, mail or containers when they are no longer needed.
- Seeking constant reassurance and approval.

MEDICAL INTERVENTION

There's a difference between being a perfectionist and having obsessive-compulsive disorder. One could have the habit of keeping the floors in the house so clean that one could eat off

them but that doesn't necessarily mean that someone has an OCD.

If the obsessions and compulsions are affecting someone's life, one should be shown to doctor or mental health provider. People with OCD may be ashamed and embarrassed about the condition. But even if the rituals are deeply ingrained, treatment can help.

COMPLICATIONS

Complications that obsessive-compulsive disorder may cause or be associated with include:

- Suicidal thoughts and behavior
- Alcohol or substance abuse
- Other anxiety disorders
- Depression
- Eating disorders
- Dermatitis from hand washing
- Inability to attend work or school
- Troubled relationships
- Overall poor quality of life

TREATMENTS

Two main treatments for OCD are:

- Psychotherapy
- Medications

Choice of treatment depends on specifics of the case. Often, a combination of medications and psychotherapy is effective.

EXPECTATIONS (PROGNOSIS)

OCD is a long-term illness with periods of severe symptoms followed by improvement. However, a completely symptom-free period is unusual. Most people improve with treatment.

Boil is a localized infection in the skin that starts as a reddened tender area. Eventually, the center of the boil softens and becomes filled with white blood cells from the bloodstream to eradicate the infection. This collection of white blood cells, bacteria, and proteins is known as pus.

CAUSES

Boils are caused by bacteria *Staphylococcus* (staph). Most staph infections develop into abscesses and can become serious quickly. This germ may be present on skin and can enter body through breaks in skin or traveling down hair to the follicle.

more painful. Soon a pocket of pus forms on the top of the boil. Signs of a severe infection are:

- Skin around the boil becomes red, painful, and swollen
- More boils may appear around
- A fever develops
- Lymph nodes become swollen

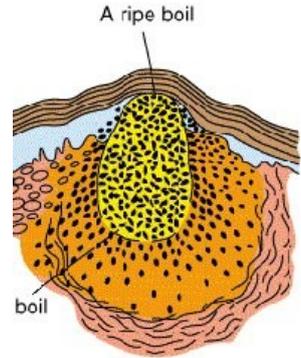
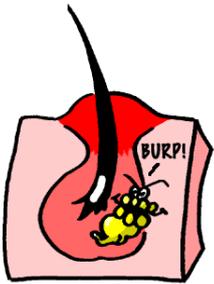
You can handle a single, small boil yourself. But see a doctor if:

- Boil on your face or spine
- Boil growing rapidly/painful
- Large boils that haven't healed in 2 weeks accompanied with fever
- Frequent boils
- A condition that suppresses
- Recently hospitalization

can't be completely drained may be packed with sterile gauze so that pus can continue to drain.

Antibiotics. Sometimes the doctor may prescribe antibiotics to help heal severe or recurrent infections.

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BOILS

Some health issues make people more susceptible to skin infections such as boils. They include:

- Diabetes
- Poor immune system
- Poor nutrition
- Poor hygiene
- Exposure to harsh chemicals

SYMPTOMS

A boil starts as a hard, red, painful lump usually less than an inch in size. In next few days, the lump becomes softer, larger, and

TREATMENT & DRUGS

You can generally treat small boils at home by applying warm compresses to relieve pain and promote natural drainage. For larger boils and carbuncles, following treatments are required:

Incision and drainage. The doctor may drain a large boil or carbuncle by making a small incision in the tip. This relieves pain, speeds recovery and helps lessen scarring. Deep infections that

PREVENTION

The following may help prevent the spread of infection:

- Antibacterial soaps
- Antiseptic (germ-killing) washes
- Good hygiene (such as thorough hand washing)

DID YOU KNOW?

- The fruit sometimes used to be referred to as a "tree melon." In Australia it is called Papaw or Paw Paw.
- Unripe, green papaya fruit and the leaves of the papaya tree contain an enzyme called papain. Papain has been used as a natural meat tenderizer for thousands of years and today is an ingredient in many commercial meat tenderizers.
- Its tenderizing properties are also being applied to the human body. Injections of pa-

pain enzyme are given to treat herniated discs..

- Papain has other health benefits. it is also a natural digestive aid and can be applied topically in an ointment to treat burns, rashes, and cuts.
- In many parts of the world, unripe papaya has been used for centuries by women as a natural contraceptive and to induce abortion. Modern research has

confirmed that unripe papaya does indeed work as a natural contraceptive and can induce abortion when eaten in large quantities. In addition, research has found that papaya seeds have contraceptive effects in male monkeys.

- Tea made from papaya leaves is consumed in some countries as protection against malaria.



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