

When bug bites turn serious

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ANCHOR LEDE: Warmer temperatures bring the return of pesky insects, especially at dusk. Experts say while most bug bites are not serious, there are times when you need to see a health care provider immediately. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare has more.

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OSF doctor Andrew Zasada on minor bug bites like a bee or ant.

*SOUNDBITE: "Put some ice on the bite site. Wash it gently. Put a little calamine or hydrocortisone on it. Keep it elevated." (:09)*

Leave the wound alone and let it heal. If symptoms worsen quickly, you develop an allergic reaction, or the bite doesn't heal over time, see a doctor.

Also see a doctor quickly for black widow or brown recluse (reh-CLUSE) spider bites, as they are more serious.

I'm Tim Ditman.

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TAG: Doctor Zasada adds to watch out for spiders when in dark, dusty areas, like when you're cleaning out a garage. Shake things off before handling them.