

# Absidia

## Effects on Human Health:

- Skin Infections
- Eye Infections
- Nasal Infections
- Eroding Tissues
- DEATH

## Symptoms Include:

- Redness of the Eye
- Skin Rash
- Swelling Around Eye
- Sinus Drainage
- Difficulty Breathing through the Nose

## Method of Transmission:

- Airborne

## Clinical Information

- Zygomycosis may spread into tissues surrounding the eye causing severe skull infections and swelling. Thrombosis and necrosis of blood vessels leads to death in 2-10 days after onset.
- Keratomycosis of the cornea may lead to blindness.
- Absidia is an opportunist that is highly infective in children and others with depressed immune systems.
- Particularly susceptible to zygomycosis are the undernourished, people with acidosis, diabetes, and people on: corticosteroids, antibiotics or antileukemic drugs.
- Skin infections are an additional problem that can be caused by this opportunistic mold. If it finds a break in the skin, it can grow out of control and lead to major health problems.