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Skin effects associated with methamphetamine.

What is methamphetamine?

The amphetamines are stimulant medications.

Methamphetamine may be used as a drug of abuse. Street names for methamphetamine include: meth, crystal meth, speed, pure, ice, crank, glass and P.

Skin effects of methamphetamine use.

Methamphetamine may cause side effects including skin problems.

- Grayish leathery texture to the skin
- Increased sweating
- Repetitive or [compulsive skin picking](#) causing excoriations and ulcers.
- Increased dental wear and decay.

Rarely, allergic reactions have been reported.

- Lichenoid drug eruption
- [Acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis](#)

As with other drugs of abuse which are injected intravenously or subcutaneously, soft tissue infections ([cellulitis](#)) related to methamphetamine use are the most frequent cause of hospital presentation.

Skin picking due to methamphetamine



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References:

On DermNet NZ:

Other websites:

Books about skin diseases:

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If you have any concerns with your skin or its treatment, see a [dermatologist](#) for advice.

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