



**Course Title:** Hand Therapy 137 – Complications of Hand Infections

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**Description:** Although most hand infections can be eradicated by appropriate management with return to normal function, complications are frequently encountered. Common complications include stiffness, osteomyelitis, and large soft tissue defects that require complex wound management. Risk factors for hand infections include an immunocompromised host state, as is the case in patients with diabetes mellitus or human immunodeficiency virus/AIDS, as well as those on immunosuppressive medications for autoimmune disorders or following organ transplantation. Patients at risk for complications secondary to hand infections should be monitored closely during the treatment process so that complications may be identified and treated early.

**Target Audience:** OT / OTA and other healthcare professionals

**Course Type:** Video vs. Text-based

**Educational Level:** Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

**CE Hours:** 1 contact hour / .1 ceu

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Course Author / Instructor:** Multiple / Brown, MS, OTR/L, CHT

**Learning Objectives:**

- Outline and describe 2 risk factors that predispose patients to the development of complications during the treatment of hand infections
- State and describe where infection can affect the hand
- Explain how immunosuppressive medications can affect hand infections
- Discuss how delayed presentation affects hand infections
- Describe complications such as osteomyelitis, stiffness, and soft tissue defects

**Agenda:**

**Hour #1**

- Introduction
- Risk factors
  - Diabetes
  - Immunocompromised patients
    - Human immunodeficiency virus
    - Immunosuppressive medications
- Delay in presentation
- Complications

- Osteomyelitis
- Stiffness
- Soft tissue defect
- Summary
- Key points

### **Course Completion Requirements:**

A passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course and completing a satisfaction survey, you will receive your certificate of completion.

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