



**SCOTTISH
DRUGS FORUM**

ANTHRAX

WARNING

CONTAMINATED DRUG SUPPLY



**Left untreated, anthrax
infection will lead to death.
Anthrax can be cured if
treatment is started at an
early stage.**

ANTHRAX SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

INFECTION AT INJECTION SITE

Infection (including redness and swelling) of the injection site or of an area close to it

Tenderness or pain around an injection site or wound

Discharge of fluid or pus from wounds

A raised temperature

Feeling generally unwell and weak, with aches and pains including headache.

INFECTION IN THE SKIN

Usually occurs 2-7 days after exposure.

Usually begins as a raised/swollen, itchy red bump, similar to an insect bite.

Within 1-2 days developing into a clear blister or abscess and then an ulcer, which may be painless and may also be black in the centre.

Flu-like symptoms, with fever, headache and/or nausea.

INFECTION VIA INHALATION

Flu like illness (fever, headache, muscle aches, cough), which may cause breathlessness and chest pains.

Rapid deterioration of consciousness – lapsing into a coma.



DANGER

If you experience any of these symptoms, please seek urgent medical attention at your local accident and emergency department.