

**ANTHRAX**

Anthrax is usually a disease that animals get, but people can get it if they have contact with a live or dead animal that has it. Often these are people who work with livestock or products from livestock. There are three ways to get anthrax: 1) through cuts or scrapes on the skin, 2) by breathing parts of the germ called spores, or 3) by eating uncooked meat from an animal that had anthrax. These will make you sick in different ways. You could have skin sores, breathing problems, or vomiting, diarrhea, and pain. The last two types of anthrax are very rare. The skin form is the only type that has been seen in recent years in the United States. It can be treated with antibiotics. Some people have threatened to use anthrax germs to make people sick on purpose. This is called bioterrorism. Public health agencies around the world are working to protect people against bioterrorism.

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