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Washing and Microbial Flora of the Skin

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Abstract

The normal microbial flora of the skin has been divided into two groups. One called resident flora is harmless and nonpathogenic. The other one called transient flora is potentially pathogenic. The fatty acids of the skin surface are known as products of microbial metabolism and inhibit growth of pathogenic strains. Washing skin is useful to keep quantity of resident flora and inhibit growth of pathogenic transient flora.