

RED LEGS

Bilateral both leg "cellulitis" - it is EXTREMELY RARE to have a primary bilateral infectious origin.

Most do not require prolonged courses of intravenous or even oral antibiotics.
In the absence of significantly raised CRP/WCC overt skin infection cellulitis is unlikely

The commonest causes for bilateral swollen red legs are –

- Venous/varicose eczema
- Early lipodermatosclerosis
- Peripheral oedema induced secondary skin changes



If symptoms of presumed cellulitis not improving with 48 hours of antibiotics, consider alternative diagnosis as above.

For further information see: <http://dermnetnz.org/bacterial/cellulitis.html>

