I have Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)

This condition has been diagnosed by my doctor.

What is it? HS is a chronic inflammatory skin condition that causes sore red lumps and lesions in the folds of skin. It is NOT a contagious infectious disease. Because of its appearance and location, HS is often misdiagnosed as an infected abscess, boil, cyst or folliculitis. HS lesions cause pain, itching, drainage and odor.

Where does HS happen? HS happens under the arms, chest, breasts, genitals, buttocks, and thighs. It can also happen on the neck, belly, and back.



At times, I experience painful flare ups that can look like an infected boil. I would like to the opportunity to explain what has helped me deal with past flare ups.

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