

Many patients with necrotizing fasciitis may present with pain out of proportion to exam findings. In other words, while the cutaneous manifestations may appear mild, the patient is experiencing excruciating pain. This is due to the fact that the disease process tends to affect and spread along the deeper tissues, and therefore superficial findings may not be evident until well into the disease process. Note that as the disease progresses further, anesthesia over the

affected area may develop, as small blood vessels thrombose and superficial nerves are destroyed.

#### **Anesthesia Over Affected Area (Late Finding)**

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As the disease progresses, the pain out of proportion seen on exam may progress to anesthesia of the affected area. This is a result of thrombosis of small blood vessels and destruction of superficial nerves.