

OTHER CONDITIONS THAT CAN BE MISTAKEN FOR HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN BABIES

Erythema multiforme

Early lesions of HFMD may appear similar to this skin reaction.



Herpangina

Caused by the same virus as HFMD, but causes lesion only in the mouth and throat area.

Herpes simplex

The sores appear on the lips. Whereas HFMD blisters usually affect the throat and roof of the mouth.



Kawasaki disease

Rash is usually more severe in the diaper area.

Viral pharyngitis

May cause rashes with a sore and swollen throat.



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