





~~Acute paronychia is a bacterial infection of the soft tissue around the nail. It is usually caused by Staphylococcus aureus. The infection can spread to the nail bed and cause the nail to lift from the nail bed (onycholysis). The infection can also spread to the underlying tissue and cause a abscess (pus pocket) under the nail. Acute paronychia can be treated with antibiotics. It is important to keep the affected finger dry and clean. Avoid soaking the finger in water without wearing waterproof gloves.~~