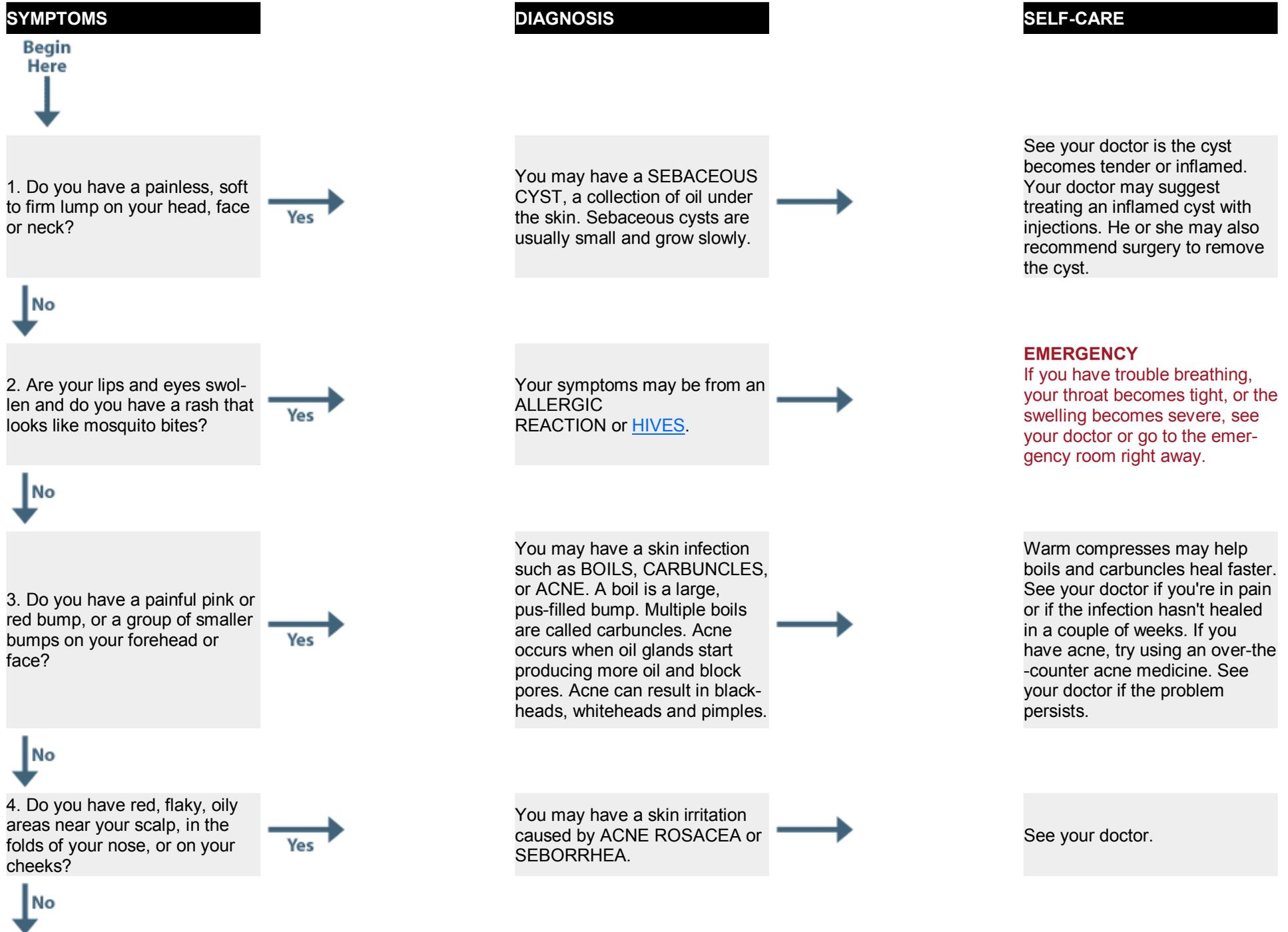


Facial Swelling

Follow this chart to help distinguish various types of swelling on the face.



5. Do you have painful swelling near one or both ears, and do you have fever along with pain when chewing or swallowing?

Yes →

You may have the MUMPS, a contagious viral infection that affects the glands below and in front of the ears.

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The [MMR vaccine](#) prevents mumps. If you think you have mumps, see your doctor. Because this infection is caused by a virus, antibiotics aren't effective. Get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids. Take over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medicines to relieve the pain. Cold compresses may also help.

↓ No

6. Do you have reddish, raised, excessive tissue that seems to be growing around the area of a scar or piercing?

Yes →

You may have a KELOID.

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See your doctor.

↓ No

For more information, talk to your doctor. If you think the problem is serious, call your doctor right away.

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