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Inflammation of the prepuce is known as posthitis; inflammation of the glans is balanitis. The opposing surfaces of the two structures are often involved, hence the term balanoposthitis ( Figure 85.18 ). In mild cases, the only symptoms are itching and inflammation, the glans and some discharge. In more severe cases, the foreskin is red, raw and pus exudes. Treatment is by broad-spectrum antibiotics and local hygiene measures. Balanoposthitis is common in patients with diabetes. Recurrent balanoposthitis requires circumcision.

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