Fournier's gangrene

Fournier’s gangrene is an aggressive and life-threatening condition that consists of a necrotizing fascitis of the perineum. On physical exam one may see angry red skin with indurations and subcutaneous air (manifested as crackles when palpated) or an area of black discoloration (necrosis). The patient will appear systemically ill and very uncomfortable. When this diagnosis is confirmed or suspected this scenario is considered a surgical emergency. Immediate treatment required is operative debridement.