

GONORRHEA

The Basics

What is Gonorrhea?

- Gonorrhea is a common sexually transmitted infection (STI) that can cause infection among all genders.
- Gonorrhea is spread by vaginal, anal, and/or oral sex with someone who has a gonorrhea infection.
- Signs and symptoms can include: burning with urination, discharge from the penis or vagina, spotting during periods, and pain in the scrotum/testicles.
- For many people, gonorrhea can have no symptoms. Therefore, many people have gonorrhea and don't know it.

Here's what you need to know:

- Gonorrhea is easy to treat. Both you and your partner(s) should start medication as prescribed right away.
- If left untreated, gonorrhea can cause damage to the reproductive system and spread to other systems of the body. Untreated gonorrhea may also increase your risk of getting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- Having gonorrhea during pregnancy can be harmful to the baby.

Treatment:

- The best way to take care of this infection is to visit a clinic or healthcare provider right away.
- Complete the medication as prescribed and abstain from sex for at least 7 days.
- Because people can have more than one STI at the same time it is recommended you get tested for other STIs as soon as possible.



"It wasn't easy hearing about this but I'm glad I got treated right away."

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