

Herpes Progenitalis (Genital Herpes Simplex Virus)		
Small (usually painful) vesicles on genital area, buttocks, and thighs; itching is usually the initial symptom; when vesicles break, shallow, circular, extremely painful lesions remain	No known cure Uncomplicated cases: Acyclovir, famciclovir, or valacyclovir by mouth for 10 days Complicated cases: Acyclovir intravenously May need chronic suppressive therapy for recurrences	Instruct patients to use condoms to avoid spread or infection with other organisms. Infection can be transmitted to infant during birth. Evaluate maternal history and observe infant for signs or symptoms. Cultures may be obtained in newborn.
Trichomoniasis (<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>)		
Pruritus and edema of external genitalia; foul-smelling, greenish vaginal discharge; sometimes postcoital bleeding May be asymptomatic, especially in men	Single oral dose of metronidazole or tinidazole	Patient should not consume alcohol while taking medication and for at least 48 hours after the last dose. Sexual partners should be treated.
Human Papillomavirus		
Warts found on any part of male or female genitalia	Patient applied: Podofilox solution or gel (0.5%) or imiquimod (5%) cream or sinecatechins ointment (15%) Provider applied: Podophyllin resin 10% to 25% in compound tincture of benzoin Freezing with liquid nitrogen (cryotherapy) Trichloroacetic acid or bichloroacetic acid 80% to 90% Laser therapy or injectable interferon or surgical removal	An acceptable alternative is to forgo treatment and await spontaneous resolution. Treatments are usually painful; analgesics may be needed, and steroid cream may provide relief. Vaccine available for prevention (see Chapter 6).

*Updated information on specific treatment of STIs may be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment>.

PID, Pelvic inflammatory disease; *RPR*, rapid plasma reagin; *STI*, sexually transmitted infection; *VDRL*, Venereal Disease Research Laboratory.

Gonorrhea is the oldest communicable disease in the United States with an estimated 300,000 American men and women contracting gonorrhea each year ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014b](#)). Women are often asymptomatic, therefore the