

THE FACTS ABOUT

CHLAMYDIA



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CHLAMYDIA IS THE MOST COMMON STD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Nearly 1.25 million cases were reported in 2009, but the CDC believes that number is far too low since many cases go unreported. The CDC estimates there are 2.8 annual infections in the U.S.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

The majority of chlamydia suffers show no symptoms whatsoever—which is why it's often called a "silent" disease. This also explains why so many cases go unreported each year.

If symptoms do appear, they usually manifest 1-3 weeks after exposure. Symptoms in men and women include genital pain, abnormal genital discharge or burning sensation when urinating, and genital itching. In women, if the infection spreads to the fallopian tubes, some women can suffer from abdominal and lower back pain, nausea, fever and bleeding between menstrual periods. Again, some women could also show no symptoms whatsoever despite this deep infection.

Chlamydia infections aren't limited to genitals. Both men and women can get throat and anal infections from oral and anal sex. If symptoms do present, discharge, itching and pain in the infected areas are the most common.

IT GETS COMPLICATED

Women are susceptible to complications from untreated chlamydia, including infertility, increased HIV risk, fallopian tube infections, and pelvic inflammatory diseases (PID). PID occurs in 10-15% of all untreated cases.

Complications in men are rare. However, men are encouraged to test and treat early to prevent the spread of chlamydia to others.

HOW DO YOU TREAT IT?

Get tested regularly!

Since symptoms don't always appear, it's important that you get tested regularly—especially if you have a new sexual partner. The CDC recommends that all women get tested at least once a year, given the potential complications. A chlamydia test can be administered by your local health care provider or by a private STD testing service, such as getSTDtested.com. Our are completely private and hospital-accurate.

Chlamydia is is curable with antibiotics. You can get a prescription from your local health care provider. If you want more privacy, getSTDtested.com can provide private treatment and counseling options from its in-house physicians online or over the telephone.

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF CATCHING AND SPREADING CHLAMYDIA

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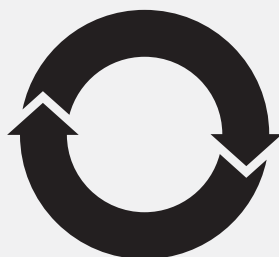
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PREVENT

Latex condoms can greatly reduce the risk of chlamydia. Always use protection, especially with a new partner.

TEST

If you are sexually active, test regularly. Chlamydia can show no symptoms. A chlamydia test is available through your local health care provider or through getSTDtested.com.

TREAT

If you are infected, seek treatment immediately—chlamydia is easily cured with antibiotics. And be sure to tell your partner!

REPEAT

Make safe sex and STD testing regular habits. Even if you are in a committed relationship, it doesn't hurt to get tested annually—you never know!



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