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GONORRHEA



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GONORRHEA IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON STD IN THE UNITED STATES

The CDC estimates that over 700,000 infections occur each year. However, less than half are reported to the CDC. In 2009, only 301,174 cases were reported, which means the remainder went undiagnosed and untreated.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

The most common symptoms of gonorrhea in men may include a burning sensation when urinating or an unusual discharge from the penis. Swollen testicles are also common.

Women with gonorrhea may also experience a burning sensation when urinating, in addition to increased vaginal discharge and vaginal bleeding between periods. However, symptoms of gonorrhea tend to be mild in women, and can often be confused with a bladder or vaginal infection.

In both men and women, rectal gonorrhea infections may include discharge, itching, soreness, bleeding, or painful bowel movements. Meanwhile gonorrhea infections in the throat may cause a sore throat.

It should be noted that gonorrhea can show no symptoms at all in both men and women.

IT GETS COMPLICATED

Both men and women are susceptible to complications from untreated gonorrhea. Women are at increased risk of developing pelvic inflammatory disease, damage to the fallopian tubes, and infertility. Men can develop epididymitis—a testicular condition that can lead to infertility.

Advanced gonorrhea can be a life-threatening condition to both sexes. It can spread to the blood or joints. Additionally, infected people are more susceptible to HIV.

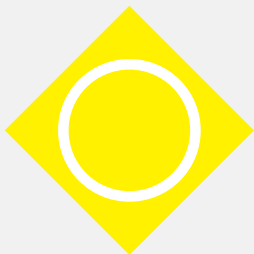
HOW DO YOU TREAT IT?

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. A gonorrhea test can be administered by your local health care provider or by a private STD testing service, such as getSTDtested.com. Results from getSTDtested.com are completely private and hospital-accurate.

Gonorrhea is highly treatable 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 on-call doctors online or over the telephone.

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF CATCHING AND SPREADING GONORRHEA

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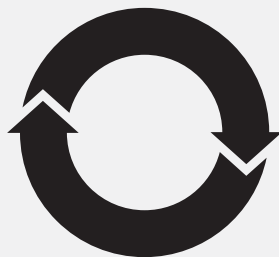
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PREVENT

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

TEST

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

TREAT

If you are infected, seek treatment immediately—gonorrhea can be cured with a simple antibiotic (although drug-resistant strains might require two). 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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