

New At-Home Collection STD Test Expands Consumer Access to Trichomoniasis Testing

Screening test for most common curable STD now available at home from America's leading sexual health resource

CHICAGO – September 27, 2010: getSTDtested.com is the first online STD clinic to provide an at-home screening option for Trichomoniasis, available for purchase on its website. With a history of innovation in the field of sexual health, getSTDtested.com continues its mission to set the standard for STD awareness and testing with the announcement of this exclusive at-home test offering for Trichomoniasis, and builds on its existing at-home test offerings for Chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Consumers purchase getSTDtested.com's at-home screening test and it is delivered to the home. Consumers follow simple instructions to provide a sample (urine sample is preferred for men; vaginal swab is preferred for women) that is then mailed to a lab for processing. Results are delivered securely to consumers, and those with positive results can get doctor-ordered antibiotic prescriptions at the same website.

This offering significantly expands STD testing options. The home screening kit already offered at getSTDtested.com offers the only confidential, at-home screening for Chlamydia and gonorrhea. Adding Trichomoniasis testing enhances the offering, and our expert-recommended testing guidelines recommend significantly increased age-appropriate testing for Trichomoniasis. Whereas Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing is recommended for those under age 30, Trichomoniasis testing is recommended up to age 45.

According to a recent study published in the April 2010 Obstetrics & Gynecology (see [abstract](#)), women overwhelmingly preferred to screen for STDs at home. Although many adults are not aware of being at risk for Trichomoniasis, it is actually the most common curable STD in the United States. In fact, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are over 7,400,000 infections of Trichomoniasis each year. Most individuals infected with *Trichomonas Vaginalis*, the single-celled protozoan parasite that causes Trichomoniasis, never experience symptoms and are therefore unaware of infection – making this STD a very real and prevalent health concern for any sexually active adult. Women who are pregnant and infected with Trichomoniasis may have complications with their pregnancy, including premature birth or low birth weight. Furthermore, Trichomoniasis can cause genital inflammation that increases a woman's likelihood of contracting HIV, and can increase her chances of transmitting HIV infection to a sexual partner.

Testing for Trichomoniasis, and other sexually transmitted diseases and infections, has never been easier. Long recognized as America's leading online sexual health and testing resource, getSTDtested.com provides the most convenient ways for sexually active adults to be tested for STDs. Their robust online offering provides the ability to purchase tests online, get tested at one of over 4,000 medical facilities across the country without having to schedule an appointment, or choose from several at-home test packages which include tests for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and now Trichomoniasis. You can even gauge your sexual health and further understand which STDs you should be tested for by using their online personalized STD test recommendation tool, or by speaking to an STD expert at no charge.

For those who test positive for Trichomoniasis infection, getSTDtested.com makes real help available to them. Included in the price of any test is a free phone consultation with an on-call physician who will help interpret test results and, in many cases, can even prescribe treatment for an additional charge - all without ever having to leave the comfort of your own home. As with Chlamydia and gonorrhea, most

people with Trichomoniasis are cured with a single course of antibiotics. It is important that sex partners also be treated, since infection can recur.

About getSTDtested.com: As more consumers turn to the internet for health information, getSTDtested.com is setting the standard for online STD awareness and testing, helping to destigmatize, prevent, and control sexually transmitted infections. The online clinic makes it easy for individuals at risk for STDs to get confidential diagnostic testing as well as professional and peer-to-peer referrals in the Forum, have access to a test recommendation tool developed by academic and medical experts, and have peace of mind that the site is founded on evidence based medical advice from a renowned [Medical Advisory Board](#). Visit getSTDtested.com and STDUniversity.org.