

Sexually Transmitted Infections Explanation Sheet

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GONORRHEA

CRABS

SCABIES

SYPHILIS

What is it?

How do you get it?

What are the symptoms?

How is it treated?

How to prevent it?

Common STD caused by a bacteria About 3 million new infections in the U.S. each yr.	STD caused by a bacteria Also known as: "The Clap" or "The Drip"	Also know as: Pubic Lice Tiny blood-sucking bugs that live in pubic hair.	Bugs which dig under the skin. Similar to Crabs, but bugs are too small to be seen.	STD caused by a bacteria. Attacks various parts of the body in stages
The bacteria spreads from one person to another during sex, or during delivery of a baby	The bacteria spreads from one person to another during sex, or during delivery of a baby	Transmitted through skin-to-skin contact, bugs can jump from one person to the other during sex. Also by sleeping in infested bed or wearing infested clothing.	Transmitted through skin-to-skin contact, bugs can jump from one person to the other during sex. Also by sleeping in infested bed or wearing infested clothing.	The bacteria spread from one person to another during unprotected sex, or can be transmitted to child during pregnancy.
* Discharge * Pain when going to the bathroom * Stomach pain * Permanent damage can result in women not being able to have children	Usually mild symptoms or none at all. * Discharge * Pain when going to the Bathroom * If infected during pregnancy, can cause blindness in child or stillbirth.	* Intense itching, caused by an allergic reaction to the bites from the bugs.	* Small, itchy sores all over the body * Sores not usually found on neck or face	Stage 1: Sores on genital area (usually don't hurt), and disappear after a few weeks. Stage 2: Rash appears on palms of hands, bottom of feet, or other parts of the body. Blindness or brain damage can occur up to 30 years later.
If treated early, antibiotics can cure it easily. However, if left untreated can result in PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease)	Antibiotics or penicillin can cure it easily. However, if left untreated can progress into PID and result in men and women not being able to have children.	Liquid medication poured on infected area or over-the-counter treatments, followed by combing hair with a fine-toothed comb to remove bugs and eggs.	Liquid medication that is applied to the entire body which is only got through prescription. Family members must usually be treated also, and clothes, bed sheets, and towels must all be washed.	Penicillin can be used to treat and cure syphilis at during any of the stages, but any damage already done cannot be reversed.
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