

Viral Sexually Transmitted Infections

STI & Cause	Symptoms	Treatment	Prevention	Complications
Genital Herpes Virus Herpes simplex type 2 (HSV-2).	Painful, itchy blisters in the genital area Flu- like symptoms Burning when urinating during outbreak There may be no symptoms	There is no cure. Medication can relieve symptoms during an outbreak.	Abstinence from sexual contact. Condom use if engaging in sexual activity.	Risk to a newborn can occur if the mother has an active outbreak of herpes.
Genital Warts Virus Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Painless warts can develop 3 weeks to 6 months after exposure to an infected person. The warts are usually painless, but they can itch or burn as they grow There may be no symptoms	There is no cure. Topical medication Freezing or surgery to remove warts can be used to treat the warts. Once someone has the virus, it can reoccur at any time.	Abstinence from sexual contact. Condom use if engaging in sexual activity.	HPV can cause cancer in any part of the male and female reproductive system.
HIV/AIDS Virus AIDS is caused by the virus HIV. (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)	Flu- like symptoms and a decreased immune system over time which increases risk of other infections Individual infected with HIV may be a carrier for ten or more years before showing symptoms. (Carriers can pass virus to others without symptoms) Shortly after being infected with HIV, some people have flu like symptoms. AIDS symptoms include: Swollen lymph glands Fever Night sweats Severe fatigue Weight loss	There is NO cure. HIV can be treated with anti-viral drugs which slow the progression of the virus in the body.	Abstinence from sexual contact. Abstinence from sharing needles. Condom use if engaging in sexual activity.	A person with the AIDS virus will no longer have an immune system that can fight off diseases. Most people die from a complication and not from the virus itself.

Bacterial Sexually Transmitted Infections

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Gonorrhea Bacteria <i>(Neisseria gonorrhoeae)</i>	Men may notice a discharge and painful urination. Women often have no symptoms, but later may develop a discharge. Abdominal pain and fever	This can be cured. Antibiotics, but some strains of bacteria are drug resistant.	Abstinence from sexual contact. Condom use if engaging in sexual activity.	Fertility (the ability to have children) Permanent damage to joints and body organs Infection of developing fetus in pregnant females.
Chlamydia Bacteria	Burning during urination Discharge Females may have mild or no symptoms	This can be cured. Antibiotics	Abstinence from sexual contact. Condom use if engaging in sexual activity.	Problems with fertility from scarring of the reproductive system
Syphilis Bacteria <i>Syphilis is caused by a spiral shaped bacterium called treponema pallidum.</i>	Stage one- painless lesions. Stage two- body rash and flu-like symptoms. Stage three- rash, fever Symptoms disappear, but if untreated the disease can still cause serious damage.	This can be cured. Antibiotics	Abstinence from sexual contact. Condom use if engaging in sexual activity.	Complications can occur to the within the body such as blindness, paralysis, insanity, and death

Parasitic Insects

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Parasitic insects (lice) Spread By: <i>Sexual Contact</i> Bed linens Towels Clothing	Itching in the genital area visible nits (lice eggs) or crawling lice	MUST use HOT water and the hot dryer cycle to wash all clothes and bedding. Over the counter and prescription medication is available. Consult your doctor for side effects.	Abstinence from sexual contact.	Difficult to See