

What are the symptoms of gonorrhea?

Most people don't have any symptoms of gonorrhea and feel totally healthy, so they often don't know they are infected. That's why STI testing is important.

If you have symptoms of gonorrhea, you may experience:

- Burning when you pee
- Discharge from the vagina, penis, or rectum
- Bleeding between periods
- Painful or swollen testicles
- Anal itching and/or bleeding
- Pain while pooping

A gonorrhea infection in your throat might show up as just a sore throat.

Is there a cure for gonorrhea?

Yes - gonorrhea is usually easy to get rid of. Your health provider will prescribe antibiotics to treat the infection. It is important to take your medicine as directed.

If you are treated for gonorrhea, make sure that your sexual partners get treated too. Otherwise, you may pass the infection back and forth, or to other people.

If you get treated for gonorrhea in your throat, make sure to get re-tested in 1-2 weeks to confirm the infection is gone.



What happens if I do not receive treatment for gonorrhea?

Untreated gonorrhea can cause serious and permanent health problems – like infertility and long-term genital and abdominal pain.

Untreated gonorrhea can also spread to your blood or joints. This can be life-threatening.

Untreated gonorrhea may also increase your chances of getting or giving HIV.

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Testing is easy and treatment is quick! For peace of mind, talk with your provider or local Tribal health facility for more information about gonorrhea testing and treatment resources near you.



GONORRHEA

Anyone can get gonorrhea, a common infection spread through sex.

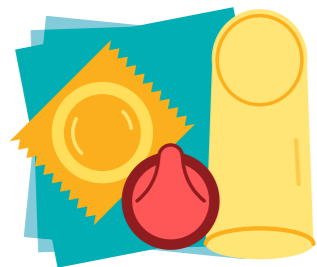


What is gonorrhea?

Gonorrhea is a bacterial infection that is spread through sex. Gonorrhea can be easily cured with antibiotics – but it can cause serious health problems if it's left untreated.

How does gonorrhea spread?

Gonorrhea is an STI that can infect your genitals, throat, and eyes. A pregnant person can also pass gonorrhea to their baby during childbirth.



Everyday contact does NOT spread gonorrhea

You cannot get gonorrhea through casual contact with objects such as:

- toilet seats
- doorknobs
- swimming pools
- hot tubs
- bathtubs
- sharing clothing, or eating utensils

Are you at risk for gonorrhea?

Anyone who has vaginal, anal, and/or oral sex can get gonorrhea.

How can I prevent gonorrhea?

Gonorrhea is spread through semen (cum), pre-cum, and vaginal fluids. So, practicing safer sex is important.

Getting tested

Testing for gonorrhea often includes peeing in a cup. Sometimes it involves swabbing your throat (if you have oral sex), genitals, and/or rectum (if you have anal sex).

Luckily, gonorrhea testing is usually quick and easy. And if you do happen to have gonorrhea, it's totally curable with medicine – so the sooner you know, the faster you can get rid of it.

To get tested contact your local Tribal clinic, IHS facility, or visit a local clinic.



Pregnancy and gonorrhea

If you are pregnant and have gonorrhea, you can pass gonorrhea to your baby during delivery. This can cause serious health problems for your baby.



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