**BACTERIAL STD's**

### Chlamydia
Can be cured if diagnosed & treated!

**Diagnosis:**
- **Men** - Urethral swab or urine specimen
- **Women** - Vaginal/cervical swab or urine specimen

**Be tested** 2-3 weeks after exposure

Many women and some men have no symptoms.

- Unusual discharge from the vagina or penis.
- Bleeding from the vagina between periods.
- Burning or pain when you urinate.
- Pain or swelling in the testicles.

**Without Treatment:**
You can give Chlamydia to your partner(s). Can lead to a more serious infection. Reproductive organs can be damaged. Fertility may be affected for both men and women, if left untreated. May be transmitted to newborn during childbirth.

### Gonorrhea
Can be cured if diagnosed & treated!

**Diagnosis:**
- **Men** – Urethral, oral or anal swab or urine specimen
- **Women** – Cervical, oral or anal swab or urine specimen

**Be tested** 2-3 weeks after exposure

Many women and some men have no symptoms.

Symptoms are the same as for Chlamydia.

Many people become infected with Chlamydia & Gonorrhea at the same time drug resistant cases are growing nationwide.

**Without Treatment:**
Same as for Chlamydia

### Syphilis
Can be cured if diagnosed & treated!

**Diagnosis:**
Blood draw

**Be tested:** 12 weeks (3 months) after exposure

1st Stage
- A painless, reddish-brown sore/chancre on the mouth or genitals 1-2 weeks after infection
- Chancre lasts 1-5 weeks, & heals

2nd Stage
- Usually 2-6 weeks after chancre disappears, a rash appears on the body.
- Flu-like feelings.
- Rash and flu-like feelings go away, but you still have syphilis.

**Without Treatment:**
- You can give syphilis to your sexual partner(s)
- A pregnant woman with syphilis can pass it to her baby (in the uterus).
- Can cause heart disease, brain damage, blindness and death if left untreated.

For more detailed information about these sexually transmitted infections, see McKinley's Health Information Handouts, located on our website:  www.mckinley.uiuc.edu

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