

BACTERIAL STD's

Chlamydia

Can be cure 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 cure 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 cure if diagnosed & treated!

Diagnosis:

Blood draw

Be tested: 12 weeks (3 months) after exposure

1st Stage

- A painless, reddish-brown sore/chancere on the mouth or genitals 1-2 weeks after infection
- Chancere lasts 1-5 weeks, & heals

2nd Stage

- Usually 2-6 weeks after chancere 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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