



GONORRHEA

You may have heard of this STD by other names such as “the clap” or “a dose.”

Gonorrhea is a common STD which, if not treated early, can cause serious health problems, especially for women.

A pregnant woman can pass gonorrhea to her baby during birth, and cause a serious eye infection or blindness.

You can get gonorrhea from oral, vaginal and anal sex.

The symptoms and signs

If you catch gonorrhea from having sex with an infected partner, you might not notice any symptoms. If you do, they will appear three to five days after sex.

Even if you don't have symptoms, you can have gonorrhea and you can pass it on to others.

What to look for

Females:

- new or different discharge from the vagina
- a burning feeling when urinating
- pain in the lower abdomen
- fever and chills
- pain during sex



Males:

- discharge from the penis, may be thick and yellow-green in colour
- burning feeling when urinating
- pain or swelling in the testicles

How gonorrhea is treated



Gonorrhea is treated with antibiotics and can be cured. But you can get it again right away from your partner if he/she isn't treated as well. See a doctor, or go to a clinic and if you have gonorrhea, tell your partner.



If you have any questions or problems about STDs, contact your local CLSC



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