

Gonorrhoea

What Is Gonorrhoea {gon/or/EE/ah}?

- Gonorrhoea is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by a bacteria.

How Do I Get Gonorrhoea?

- By having unprotected vaginal, oral, or anal sex with a person who has gonorrhoea.

How Do I Know If I Have Gonorrhoea?

- Most people have **no** symptoms.

<i>Symptoms in Women:</i>	<i>Symptoms in Men:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thick yellowish vaginal discharge.• Abnormal vaginal bleeding.• Burning/pain when urinating.• Rectal discharge from anal sex.• Sore throat from oral sex.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow/green pus from penis.• Burning/pain when urinating.• Rectal discharge from anal sex.• Sore throat from oral sex.

- Symptoms usually appear 2 to 9 days after unprotected sexual contact with an infected person.

How Do I Get Tested?

- Ask your doctor or clinic for a test.
- A swab is taken from the cervix in women, or from the penis in men.
- A urine test for gonorrhoea is available, in some parts of Alberta.
- A pap test does not test for STIs.

How Do You Treat It?

- Gonorrhoea can be cured if you take the right antibiotic.
- Tell your sexual partner(s) so that they can be treated.
- Avoid sexual contact until you are re-tested.

What If I Don't Treat The Infection?

- Sterility, joint and heart problems can occur.
- In women, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) can occur.
 - PID is a painful lower abdominal infection that can lead to sterility.
- Gonorrhea can be passed from a mother to her unborn baby and cause blindness in the baby.

How Can I Prevent The Spread Of Gonorrhea?

- Abstinence (not having sex) maybe your best choice.
- Practice “**Safer Sex**”. Always use condoms!
- If you think you have been infected with an STI, get checked out.
- Limit the number of sexual partners you have.
- Ask your partner about his/her sexual history.
- Avoid having sex with an infected person.
- Tell your partner if you have an infection.
- Get education, guidance and support.



For More Information Call:

Sexual and Reproductive Health **944-7115**

Family Planning Clinics

- **Downtown** **323-7th Ave SE** **944-7111**
- **South** **31 Sunpark Plaza SE** **943-9510**
- **Sunridge** **406, 2675-36 Street NE** **944-7666**

STD Clinic **404, 906-8th Ave SW** **944-7575**