

Chancroid

What is it?

- Chancroid is a sexually transmitted disease that is characterized by genital ulcers. It is caused by a gram negative bacillus *H. ducreyi*.
- Chancroid is well established as assisting in the transmission of HIV infection.

What are the signs and symptoms?

- Usually, a single painful ulcer, surrounded by reddened edges appears on or around the penis in men.
- In 25-60% of the cases of Chancroid there may be painful, swollen lymph nodes.
- Women are frequently without symptoms.

How do I get tested for Chancroid?

- A painful ulcer with enlarged painful swollen thigh glands usually means Chancroid.
- Your health care provider will examine the ulcer and take some tests from the ulcer and your blood.

How do I get treated for Chancroid?

- Your health care provider will prescribe antibiotics for treatment of Chancroid.
- Successful treatment cures the infection, clears up the symptoms and prevents the spread to others.
- For testing and treatment for Chancroid, in the Philadelphia area, click here for a list of local family planning clinics. Outside of Philadelphia, please click here for a clinic near you www.plannedparenthood.org.

REMINDER: Using a condom consistently can help to protect you from STD's including Chancroid.