

### **What are Genital Warts?**

- Sexually transmitted skin lesions caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).
- Certain types of HPV cause cancer.

### **What are the symptoms of Genital Warts?**

- Single or multiple soft, fleshy, painless growths appear on the vaginal area, penis, anus, urethra, or perineum.
- Women may have growths on the inside of the vagina or on cervix.

### **How do I get tested for Genital Warts?**

- Diagnosis is made by the clinician who visually inspects the lesions.
- For some women the Pap smear may indicate the presence of HPV, and a special microscopic test (colposcopy) is used to diagnose flat warts that are difficult to see.

### **What is the treatment for Genital Warts?**

- Several treatments are available for Genital Warts.
- All of the treatments involve applying medication to the warts. Depending on the location and the number of warts, your health provider will determine if the treatment will be provided by the patient or the provider.
- Despite treatment, Genital Warts can come back.
- For testing and treatment of Genital Warts 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](http://www.plannedparenthood.org).

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