

What is Gonorrhea?

- Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*.
- Gonorrhea is spread from person to person by close physical contact during vaginal, anal and/or oral sex.
- Other names for gonorrhea are GC, clap, the drip, or a dose.

What are the signs and symptoms of Gonorrhea?

- Many people infected with gonorrhea don't know that they have it. Up to 50% of men and most women have no symptoms
- When symptoms do occur in women they may include: abdominal pain, pain during intercourse, burning or pain with urination, unusual vaginal discharge that is yellow or bloody, low-grade fever and bleeding between periods or after sex.
- An undetected gonorrhea infection can cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) and infertility in women. A woman with gonorrhea can give it to her baby during childbirth. It can also cause premature delivery or miscarriage in pregnant women.
- Signs and symptoms of a gonorrhea infection in men may include: pain or burning with urination, yellowish white discharge from the penis and swollen or tender testicles.

How do I get tested for Gonorrhea?

- The only way to know for sure if you have gonorrhea is to go to a health care provider to get tested.
- Medical tests for gonorrhea are available. A sample of discharge from the vagina or penis or a urine sample can be collected by a medical professional to test for gonorrhea.

What is the treatment for Gonorrhea?

- Gonorrhea can be easily treated and cured
- Your health care provider will give you antibiotic pills to take.
- Make sure that you take all the pills that you are given. Gonorrhea may come back if you don't.
- Do not have sex until all of your pills are gone.
- Tell your sex partner(s) that they must be treated too.
- For testing and treatment of gonorrhea 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 STDs including gonorrhea. Make sure that you get checked for gonorrhea and other STDs every time you have a health exam.