

# STIs (AND MORE) AT A GLANCE

## BACTERIA

Infection	Where it's found	How it's passed	Common symptoms	When will the test show if I have it?	Treatment
<b>Bacterial Vaginosis (BV)</b>	Vagina	Not usually passed	Common to not notice symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased vaginal discharge</li> <li>Fish-like smell</li> <li>Vaginal irritation</li> </ul>	Immediately for swab test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antibiotics</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> </ul>
<b>Chlamydia (CT)</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Throat Eye (rare)	Semen Pre-ejaculate Vaginal fluids Anal fluids	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 2 – 6 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormal discharge</li> <li>Pain or trouble urinating</li> </ul>	2 – 6 weeks after contact for urine and/or swab test	Antibiotics
<b>Gonorrhea (GC)</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Throat Eye (rare)	Semen Pre-ejaculate Vaginal fluids Anal fluids	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 2 – 7 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptoms occur most often in the penis</li> <li>Abnormal discharge</li> <li>Pain or trouble urinating</li> </ul>	7 days after contact for urine and/or swab test	Antibiotics
<b>Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV)</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area Throat Lymph-nodes	Semen Pre-ejaculate Vaginal fluids Anal fluids	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 3 days – 6 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painless sores</li> <li>Swollen lymph nodes</li> <li>Abscesses</li> </ul>	2 – 6 weeks after contact for urine and/or swab test	Antibiotics
<b>Syphilis</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area Throat Skin	Exchange of body fluids (semen, pre-ejaculate, vaginal fluids, anal fluids) during sexual contact or skin-to-skin contact	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 3 days – 3 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A painless sore/lesion</li> <li>A non-itchy rash</li> <li>Swollen lymph nodes</li> <li>Fever, headache</li> </ul>	3 months after contact for blood test  If lesion present, swab may show positive results earlier than a blood test	Antibiotics

## VIRUSES

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<b>Genital Warts/ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area Throat (rare) Mouth (rare)	Skin-to-skin contact Sharing sex toys	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up within weeks to years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painless bumps on the skin</li> </ul>	Visual exam of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topical medications and treatments</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> <li>Vaccination can prevent some strains of HPV</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis A (HAV)</b>	Stool	Fecal-oral contact	May show up in 2 – 7 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combination of nausea, loss of appetite, fever, stomach pain, jaundice, dark urine, grey-coloured stool</li> </ul>	4 weeks after contact for blood test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptoms usually go away on their own</li> <li>Vaccines can prevent infection</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis B (HBV)</b>	Blood	Blood Semen Pre-ejaculate Vaginal fluids	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 6 – 22 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combination of nausea, loss of appetite, fever, stomach pain, and yellowish skin and/or eyes</li> </ul>	4 – 12 weeks after contact for blood test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-viral medications</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> <li>Vaccines can prevent infection</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis C (HCV)</b>	Blood	Blood	If present, may show up in 6 – 7 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combination of nausea, loss of appetite, fever, stomach pain, and yellowish skin and/or eyes</li> </ul>	5 – 10 weeks after contact for blood test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-viral medications</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> </ul>

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<b>Herpes simplex virus (HSV)</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area Mouth	Skin-to-skin contact with a lesion	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 2 – 21 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Itching, burning, or tingling sensation</li> <li>Painful sores or blisters</li> </ul>	Immediately for swab test taken from sores  12 – 16 weeks after contact for blood test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-viral medications</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> </ul>
<b>Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)</b>	Blood	Blood Semen Pre-ejaculate Vaginal fluids Anal fluids Breast milk	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 2 – 4 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flu-like illness, headache, muscle aches and joint pain, swollen glands (seroconversion illness)</li> </ul>	3 weeks after contact for blood test. It may take up to 3 months to get an accurate result.	Anti-viral medications
<b>Molluscum Contagiosum</b>	Lower abdomen, pubic area, inner thighs, buttocks and genitals; not usually on palms or soles	Skin-to-skin contact with a lesion	Show up in 1 week – 6 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small, firm, painless pink or white bumps on the skin</li> </ul>	Visual exam of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topical medications and treatments</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> </ul>

## PARASITES

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<b>Pubic lice</b>	Genital and other body hair	Skin-to-skin contact Sharing clothes, bedding, towels	Show up in 2 – 21 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genital itching</li> <li>Visible lice in and around pubic hair</li> </ul>	Visual exam of symptoms	Topical medications
<b>Scabies</b>	Skin	Skin-to-skin contact Sharing clothes, bedding, towels	Show up in 1 – 21 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Itchiness (especially at night)</li> <li>Rash between fingers, or wrists, armpits, genitals, thighs</li> </ul>	Visual exam of symptoms	Topical medications
<b>Trichomoniasis</b>	Penis Vagina	Semen Pre-ejaculate Vaginal fluids Anal fluids	Common to not notice symptoms  May show up in 5 - 28 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormal vaginal discharge</li> <li>Pain or trouble when urinating</li> </ul>	Urine and/or swab	Antibiotics

## FUNGUS

Infection	Where it's found	How it's passed	Common symptoms	When will the test show if I have it?	Treatment
<b>Yeast</b>	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area	Not usually passed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormal whitish, thick discharge</li> <li>Genital area is itchy, red, sore and dry</li> <li>Painful sex</li> </ul>	Immediately for swab test  Visual examination of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over-the-counter anti-fungal medications</li> <li>Symptoms may go away without treatment</li> </ul>