

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
Bacterial Vaginosis (BV)	Vagina	Not usually passed	Common to not notice symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased vaginal discharge Fish-like smell Vaginal irritation 	Immediately for swab test	Antibiotics Symptoms may go away without treatment
Chlamydia (CT)	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"> Abnormal discharge Pain or trouble urinating 	2 – 6 weeks after contact for urine and/or swab test	Antibiotics
Gonorrhea (GC)	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"> Symptoms occur most often in the penis Abnormal discharge Pain or trouble urinating 	7 days after contact for urine and/or swab test	Antibiotics
Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV)	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"> Painless sores Swollen lymph nodes Abscesses 	2 – 6 weeks after contact for urine and/or swab test	Antibiotics
Syphilis	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area Throat Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with a syphilis lesion (sore) during oral, anal or genital sex During pregnancy from pregnant person to the fetus Sexual fluids or a rash 	Common to not notice symptoms May show up in 3 days – 3 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A painless sore/lesion A non-itchy rash Swollen lymph nodes Fever, headache 	3 months after contact for blood test If lesion present, swab may show positive results earlier than a blood test	Antibiotics

VIRUSES

Genital Warts/ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	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"> Painless bumps on the skin 	Visual exam of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topical medications and treatments Symptoms may go away without treatment Vaccination can prevent some strains of HPV
Hepatitis A (HAV)	Stool	Fecal-oral contact	May show up in 2 – 7 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combination of nausea, loss of appetite, fever, stomach pain, jaundice, dark urine, grey-coloured stool 	4 weeks after contact for blood test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptoms usually go away on their own Vaccines can prevent infection
Hepatitis B (HBV)	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"> Combination of nausea, loss of appetite, fever, stomach pain, and yellowish skin and/or eyes 	4 – 12 weeks after contact for blood test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-viral medications Vaccines can prevent infection
Hepatitis C (HCV)	Blood	Blood	If present, may show up in 6 – 7 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combination of nausea, loss of appetite, fever, stomach pain, and yellowish skin and/or eyes 	5 – 10 weeks after contact for blood test	Anti-viral medications
Herpes simplex virus (HSV)	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"> Itching, burning, or tingling sensation Painful sores or blisters 	Immediately for swab test taken from sores 12 – 16 weeks after contact for blood test	Anti-viral medications
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	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"> Flu-like illness, headache, muscle aches and joint pain, swollen glands (seroconversion illness) 	3 weeks after contact for blood test. It may take up to 3 months to get an accurate result.	Anti-viral medications
Molluscum Contagiosum	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"> Small, firm, painless pink or white bumps on the skin 	Visual exam of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topical medications and treatments Symptoms may go away without treatment

PARASITES

Pubic lice	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"> Genital itching Visible lice in and around pubic hair 	Visual exam of symptoms	Topical medications
Scabies	Skin	Skin-to-skin contact Sharing clothes, bedding, towels	Show up in 1 – 21 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Itchiness (especially at night) Rash between fingers, or wrists, armpits, genitals, thighs 	Visual exam of symptoms	Topical medications
Trichomoniasis	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"> Abnormal vaginal discharge Pain or trouble when urinating 	Urine and/or swab	Antibiotics

FUNGUS

Yeast	Penis Vagina Anus Genital area	Not usually passed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal whitish, thick discharge Genital area is itchy, red, sore and dry Painful sex 	Immediately for swab test Visual examination of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over-the-counter anti-fungal medications Symptoms may go away without treatment
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