

STI: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION

OVER 30 DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARASITES, BACTERIA, AND VIRUSES CAUSE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIS). ANYONE WHO IS SEXUALLY ACTIVE RISKS CONTRACTING AN STI. ABSTINENCE IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE 100% SAFE.

STIS ARE SPREAD PRIMARILY THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT, INCLUDING ORAL, VAGINAL, AND ANAL SEX. SOME STIS CAN BE SPREAD BY SKIN-TO-SKIN CONTACT. IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ACTIVE, GET TESTED FOR STIS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

STATISTICS

Every day, over **1 million** people in the world acquire a sexually transmitted infection.

Every year, 500 million people acquire one of four STIs: chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, or trichomoniasis.

Over 1 million people in the U.S. have HIV; almost 16% of them are unaware that they have an infection.

CHLAMYDIA/GONORRHEA

Symptoms:

May have no symptoms
Painful urination
Genital discharge

Transmission:

Unprotected sexual contact

Treatment:
Antibiotics

Complications:

-Infertility
-Pelvic inflammatory disease
-Tubal pregnancy



GENITAL HERPES

Symptoms:

-May have no symptoms
-Painful sores in genital area
-Flu-like symptoms

Transmission:

Unprotected sexual contact

Treatment:
No cure, treatable symptoms

Complications:

-Repeated outbreaks
-Increased risk of cervical cancer



HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)

Symptoms:

-Usually has no symptoms
-Bumpy growths in the genital/anal area

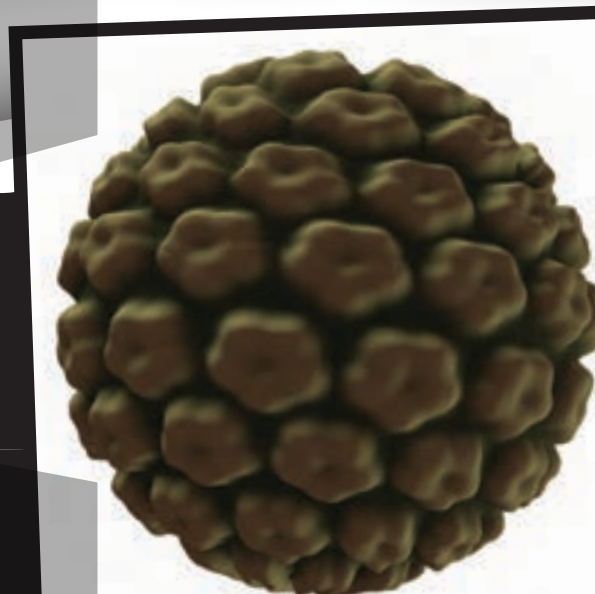
Transmission:

Unprotected sexual contact

Treatment:
No cure, treatable symptoms.
Vaccine available.

Complications:

-Cervical and other types of cancer
-Genital warts may continually reappear



SYPHILIS

Symptoms:

-Painless sores on mouth, genitals, or anus
-Untreated: rash, flu-like symptoms, weight loss, and more

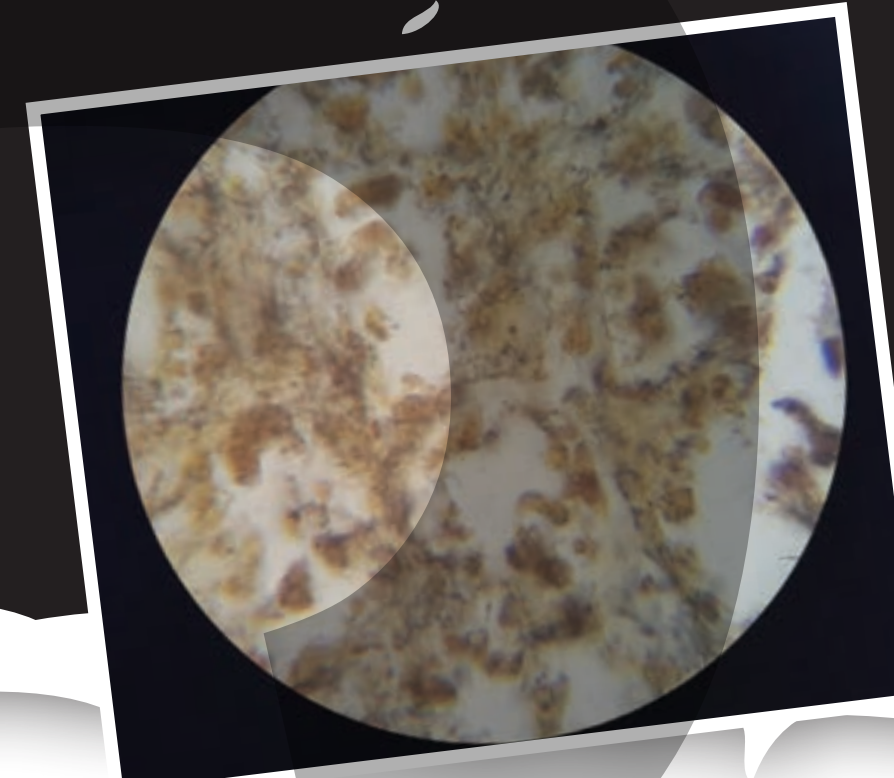
Transmission:

Unprotected sexual contact

Treatment:
Antibiotics

Complications:

Paralysis, brain damage, blindness, death



TRICHOMONIASIS

Symptoms:

-May have no symptoms
-Painful urination
-Genital discharge, itching, or inflammation



Transmission:

Unprotected sexual contact

Treatment:
Antibiotics

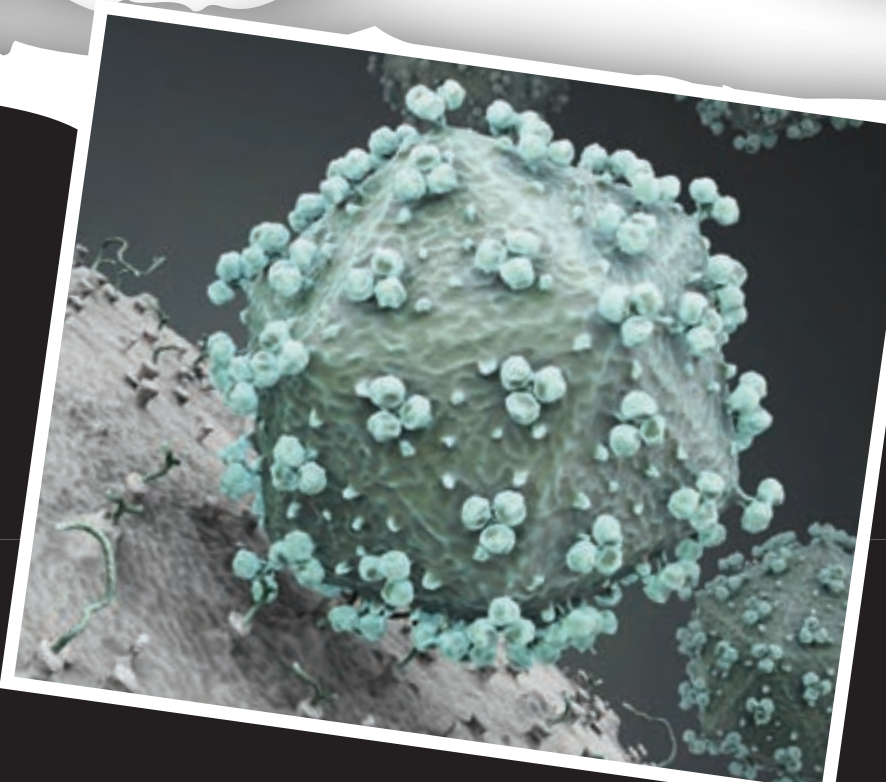
Complications:

Increased risk of getting/spreading another STI

HIV & AIDS

Symptoms:

-May not appear for months
-Severe flu-like symptoms
-Rash



Transmission:

-Unprotected sexual contact
-IV drug needles

Treatment:
No cure, medicine slows the disease

Complications:

-Extreme weight loss, nausea, headaches
-Cancer, pneumonia
-Heightened risk of bacterial infections

If You Choose to Have Sex:

- Use condoms for every sex act
- Practice mutual monogamy

- Get vaccinated
- Engage in sex only when sober

LIVE WELL & LIVE LONG WITH GOOD SEXUAL HEALTH