

STD AWARENESS

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Every year, there are an estimated

20 MILLION

new STD infections in the United States

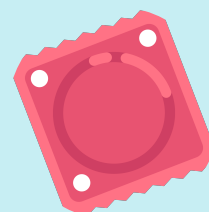
Anyone who is sexually active can get an STD.

Some groups are disproportionately affected by STDs



Adolescents and Young Adults Gay, Bisexual, & other Men who have Sex with Men Some Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Practice Abstinence or Use Condoms



Have Fewer Partners



Get Vaccinated



Who is at Risk of Acquiring an STD?

Many factors including insufficient screening, confidentiality concerns, multiple sex partners as well as lack of access to healthcare place people at risk for STDs

1

TALK

Talk to your partner/health care provider about sexual health and STDs openly and honestly

2

TEST

Many STDs don't cause symptoms, so without getting tested you won't know for sure if you have an STD or not

3

TREAT

The correct treatment will cure your STD. All STDs are treatable. Speak to your doctor

Sexual Transmitted Diseases

An infection transmitted through sexual contact, caused by bacteria, viruses, or parasites. This disease can transmit person to person from blood, semen, vaginal, and other bodily fluids. It can also be transmitted non-sexually such as mother to infant, through blood transfusions or sharing needles.

Symptoms

- ▶ Sores or bumps in private parts
- ▶ Painful/burning urination
- ▶ Discharge from the penis
- ▶ Unusual vaginal bleeding
- ▶ Unusual or odd smelling vaginal discharge
- ▶ Painful sexual intercourse
- ▶ Symptoms vary depending on the type of STD

LEFT UNTREATED, STDS CAN CAUSE:

		
INCREASED RISK OF GIVING OR GETTING HIV	LONG-TERM PELVIC/ABDOMINAL PAIN	INABILITY TO GET PREGNANT OR PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS

STD TREATMENT

Antibiotics

Often a single dose can cure many STDs. Once antibiotic treatment is started it is necessary to follow through. It is also important to abstain from sex until after the completion of antibiotic treatment and after sores have healed.

Antivirals

If one has herpes or HIV, they'll be prescribed an antiviral. With the accommodation of daily suppressive therapy with a prescription antiviral drug, there will be a lower chance of herpes recurrences. The sooner treatment is started the more effective it is.



