

The Most Common STD's

STD	SYMPTOMS	DAMAGE	NUMBERS
Chlamydia	Men- <u>Usually none.</u> Some experience discharge from the penis and burning with urination; Women- <u>Usually none.</u> Some experience pain and /or vaginal discharge.	Men- Sterility. Women- Considered to be the most common cause of sterility. Advanced stage may require removal of uterus, tubes and ovaries.	1) 4 million new cases reported annually. 2) 70% are not aware they are infected. 3) 40% of those sexually active are suspected carriers.
Gonorrhea	Men- Pus from urethra. Burning upon urination. Women- Pelvic pain. Painful urination and pus-like discharge.	Men- Sterility, scarring of urethra and urinary tract problems. Women- Sterility, surgery in severe cases.	1) 1.1 million new cases reported annually. 2) 80% are not aware they are infected in the early stages.
Syphilis	Men- 1st stage: swollen non-painful ulcers on external genitalia. 2nd stage: changes of skin, fever, enlarged lymph nodes. Women- 1st state: <u>often unnoticed.</u> 2nd stage: same as men.	Men- <u>Brain disorders, heart disease, blindness, dementia and death.</u> Women- Same as men. <u>Can cause birth defects or death in newborns, if mother is infected.</u>	1) 120,000 new cases reported annually. 2) 50% are not aware they have this disease.
HIV/AIDS	Men- Fever, sore throat, fatigue, swollen lymph glands. Women- Same as men.	Men- Immune system breakdown, death. Women- Same as men.	1) 1 million infected. Approx. 20% in young adult population. 2) 20% infected during teens.
Genital Herpes	Men- Lesions appear at the site of infection– periodic eruptions of painful blister and ulcers anywhere on body. Women- Same as men.	Men- Continuous outbreaks. Eventually may lead to hospitalization. <u>Lifetime medication required.</u> Women- Same as men. Causes infant death.	1) 3.1 million infected. 500,000 new cases annually. 2) 75% show no symptoms. 3) 33% of women have this virus.
HPV Human Papilloma-Virus	Men- Wart-like genital growths. Women- (Often no visible symptoms.) Some experience vulva burning, itching and pain. Abnormal pap smears.	Men- Cancer of penis and anus. Women- Initially pre-malignant changes difficult to eradicate. Develops into cancer if not treated.	1) 24-40 million people are thought to be carriers. 2) 60 different strains exist 3) 33% of women have this virus
Hepatitis B	Men- <u>Often none.</u> Some experience yellowing of skin. (jaundice), tiredness, dark urine and gray-colored stool. Women- Same as men.	Men- Severe liver damage. Can eventually lead to cancer of the liver and cirrhosis. Women- Same as men.	1) 300,000 new cases annually 2) Most common STD in the world. 3) Approximately 1.25 million chronically infected Americans.
PID Pelvic-Inflammatory Disease	Men- This disease affects women only. Women- See Chlamydia & Gonorrhea. Often symptoms are minor and mistaken for menstrual cramps.	Men- The disease affects women only. Women- *Ectopic Pregnancy (fertilized egg implants in the fallopian tubes instead of uterus. <u>(Can be Life-Threatening.)</u> Sterility & cancer common.	1) 1 million new cases annually most in 15-19 year age group. 2) 100,000 women become infertile as a result of PID each year.