

# Gonorrhoea

## What is gonorrhoea?

Gonorrhoea is a sexually transmissible infection.

## How do I know if I have gonorrhoea?

Symptoms may occur within 2–10 days after sex depending on the site infected.

Symptoms in men may include:

- discharge from the penis
- burning or discomfort when passing urine

Women may not have any symptoms but if present may include:

- abnormal vaginal bleeding or discharge
- discomfort when passing urine
- pelvic pain and/or pain during sex

Symptoms of gonorrhoea in the anus or throat may be very mild and go unnoticed.

Gonorrhoea can be diagnosed by a urine test or swabs.

## How can I get gonorrhoea?

Gonorrhoea is passed on by having oral, vaginal or anal sex without a condom, with someone who has the infection.

## What is the treatment for gonorrhoea?

Gonorrhoea is treated with antibiotics. This is usually a single dose of an antibiotic by injection and an oral antibiotic.

Do not have any sexual contact for 7 days after you start treatment as you may be at risk of passing gonorrhoea to your sexual partners or becoming re-infected.

## Do sexual partners need treatment?

All sexual partners in the last 2 months should be tested regardless of symptoms.

You may be reinfected from untreated partners.

## What else should I know?

- Follow up testing is advised 3 weeks after treatment to ensure the infection has been successfully treated.
- Gonorrhoea can cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) in women, which may lead to ectopic pregnancies, infertility or chronic pelvic pain.
- Men may develop pain in the testes.

## Video

Gonorrhoea (Male)

<https://youtu.be/guwSn8HmRJJs>



## Other Videos

Gonorrhoea (Female):

<https://youtu.be/x22P8OjxBJg>

## Screening for STIs

All sexually active people should consider regular testing for sexually transmissible infections.

Gold Coast Sexual Health Service offers express STI screening that is available without an appointment providing you:

- do not have symptoms
- have not been in contact with a sexually transmissible infection.

If you have symptoms, or have been in contact with an STI, contact Gold Coast Sexual Health Service for an appointment.

Check our website at: <https://www.goldcoast.health.qld.gov.au/our-services/sexual-health> for times and locations



### Interpreter services

Gold Coast Health provides interpreter services for patients who are from non-English speaking backgrounds. If you require the assistance of an interpreter, please indicate this on your registration form and advise Gold Coast Health prior to your appointment.

**Interpreter services are provided free of charge to all patients who require the service, including non-Medicare patients.**



**For further information or support, please contact:**  
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