

Mycoplasma genitalium

What is Mycoplasma genitalium (M.genitalium)?

M.genitalium is a sexually transmissible infection.

How do I know if I have M.genitalium?

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
- pelvic pain

M.genitalium can be diagnosed by a urine test or swabs.

How can I get M.genitalium?

M.genitalium is passed on by having sex without a condom, with someone who has the infection.

What is the treatment for M.genitalium?

M.genitalium is treated using oral antibiotics.

Do not have any sexual contact after you start treatment as you may be at risk of passing M.genitalium to your sexual partners or becoming re-infected. Your doctor/nurse will advise how long this period will be.

Do sexual partners need treatment?

Sexual partners of people diagnosed with M. genitalium should be tested.

What else should I know?

M.genitalium can be difficult to treat because of antibiotic resistance. It is important to follow your doctor/nurse's instructions on treatment and follow-up.

A repeat test after treatment is important to make sure that the infection has gone.

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:

Sexual health

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