

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

PID is a condition of the internal reproductive organs of women.

How do I know if I have PID?

Symptoms of PID may include:

- pain in the lower abdomen
- pain during sex
- heavier and/or more painful periods
- bleeding after sex
- abnormal vaginal discharge
- fevers

PID is diagnosed by examination by your doctor/nurse.

How can I get PID?

PID may be caused by sexually transmissible infections (STIs). PID can also occur after operations involving the internal reproductive organs.

What is the treatment for PID?

PID is treated with antibiotics.

Do sexual partners need treatment?

Sexual partners should be offered testing for STIs and treatment may be recommended.

What else do I need to know?

- It is important to return to your doctor or clinic for follow-up appointments.
- PID can lead to long-term problems such as difficulty becoming pregnant or an increased risk of ectopic pregnancy.

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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