

Chlamydia

What is chlamydia?

Chlamydia is a sexually transmissible infection (STI).

How do I know if I have chlamydia?

Most people infected with chlamydia will not notice any symptoms.

Symptoms in women may include:

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

Symptoms in men may include:

- discharge from the penis
- discomfort when passing urine.

Chlamydia in the anus and throat usually have no symptoms. Anal infections can cause pain or discharge.

Chlamydia can be diagnosed by a urine test or a swab.

How can I get chlamydia?

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

What is the treatment for chlamydia?

Chlamydia is treated with antibiotics.

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

Do sexual partners need treatment?

All sexual partners in the last 6 months should be tested regardless of symptoms. You may be reinfected from untreated partners.

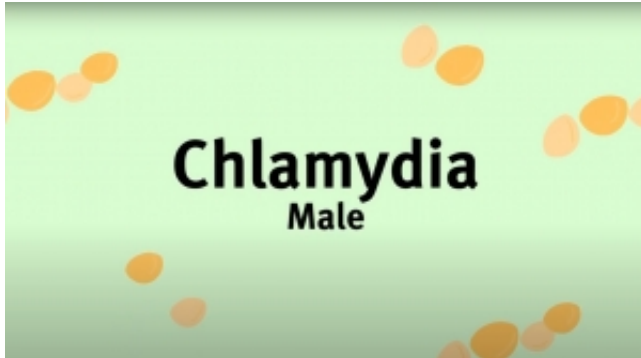
What else should I know?

- Chlamydia 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

Chlamydia (Male)

<https://youtu.be/u87z8CzeLrs>



Other Videos

Chlamydia (Female):

<https://youtu.be/bjpyLY4nNpM>

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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