Mycoplasma genitalium

*Mycoplasma genitalium* is a bacterium that infects the mucous membranes of the urethra, cervix and anus.

**How is it transmitted?**

It is transmitted by vaginal and anal sex.

**What are the signs and symptoms?**

Men may have no symptoms, or:
- Inflammation of the urethra (the urine passage)
- Stinging or burning when passing urine
- A discharge from the penis.

Women may have no symptoms, or:
- Pain in the pelvic area and pain during sexual intercourse
- An abnormal vaginal discharge.

**How do you test for Mycoplasma genitalium?**

*Mycoplasma genitalium* is tested by taking a urine sample or a urethral swab (a sample of secretions) in men and a cervical swab in women.

**How is Mycoplasma genitalium treated?**

*Mycoplasma genitalium* is treated using oral antibiotics.

**When is it safe to have sex again?**

It is recommended not have sex or to use condoms for one week after finishing treatment.

**Do I need further tests after I've been treated?**

A repeat test one month after treatment is recommended to make sure that the infection has gone. Occasionally a second course of antibiotics is required.

**Should my sexual partners also be treated?**

Sexual partners of people diagnosed with *Mycoplasma genitalium* should be tested and treated.

**How do I avoid getting Mycoplasma genitalium again?**

Condoms should be used until your partners have had a negative sexual health check. Use condoms for all casual partners.

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If you have any concerns please contact:

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