

SYPHILIS

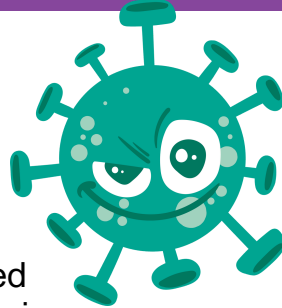
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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

What is Syphilis?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by bacteria and is spread through skin-to-skin contact with a syphilis sore, typically during sex.



Who's at Risk?

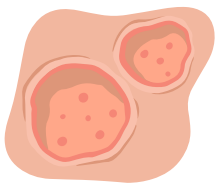
Sexually active people can get syphilis through vaginal, anal, or oral sex without a condom with a partner who has syphilis. A pregnant person who has syphilis can also pass it to their baby.



Signs and Symptoms

When people do have symptoms they can include:

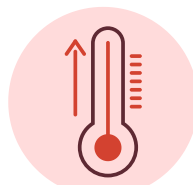
You might not see it, but syphilis can still be there!



Sores



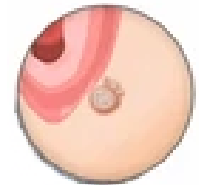
Non-itchy rash



Fever



White Patches



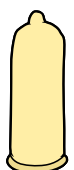
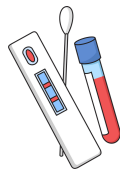
Wart-like growths

Prevention



Talk with your partner(s) about their STI status.

Get tested regularly, especially if you have multiple sex partners.



Always use a condom or dental dam the right way

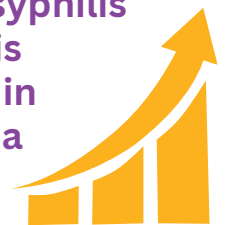
Treatment

If you think you have syphilis, **don't panic**. Syphilis can be treated and cured with antibiotics. If left untreated, syphilis can cause permanent damage to your organs.

It's easy to get tested at:

- Your primary healthcare provider
- The Chautauqua Center
 - Jamestown- 716-484-4334
 - Dunkirk- 716-363-6050
- Evergreen Health
 - Jamestown-716-664-7855

A surge in syphilis infections is happening in Chautauqua County and the United States.



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