

HANDOUT

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS CHART

STI	What to Watch For	How You Get It	If Not Treated ...
Chlamydia (or NGU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms show up 7-21 days after having sex with an infected person. • Most women and some men have no symptoms. • Women: discharge from the vagina; bleeding from the vagina between periods; burning or pain when you urinate; pain in abdomen, sometimes with fever and nausea. • Men: watery, white or yellow drip from the penis; burning or pain when you urinate. 	Chlamydia (or NGU) is spread during vaginal, anal, and oral sex with someone who is infected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give Chlamydia to your sexual partner(s). • The infection can become more serious, causing damage to reproductive organs. • Both men and women may no longer be able to have children, if infection worsens. • A mother with Chlamydia can give it to her baby during childbirth.
Genital Warts (HPV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms can appear 1-8 months after having sex with an infected person. • Small, bumpy warts on the sex organs and anus. • The warts do not go away. • Itching and burning around the sex organs. • After warts go away, the virus stays in the body, and warts can return. 	Genital Warts (HPV) is spread during vaginal, anal, and oral sex with someone who has genital warts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give genital warts to your sexual partner(s). • Warts cannot be cured. • More warts grow and are harder to get rid of. • A mother with warts can give them to her baby during childbirth. • Warts may lead to a pre-cancerous condition, especially in women.
Gonorrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms may show up 2-21 days after having sex. • Most women and some men have no symptoms. • Women: thick, yellow or white discharge from the vagina; burning or pain when you urinate or have a bowel movement; abnormal periods or bleeding between periods; cramps and pain in the lower abdomen. • Men: thick, yellow or white drip from the penis; burning or pain when you urinate or have a bowel movement; need to urinate more often. 	Gonorrhea is spread during vaginal, anal, and oral sex with someone who is infected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give Gonorrhea to your sexual partner(s). • The infection can become more serious, causing damage to reproductive organs. • Both men and women may no longer be able to have children. • A mother with Gonorrhea can give it to her baby during childbirth. • If untreated, may lead to heart trouble, skin disease, arthritis, and blindness.
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms show up 1-9 months after having sex with an infected person. • Many people show no symptoms, or have mild ones. • Flu-like feeling that does not go away. • Tiredness • Jaundice (yellow skin) • Dark urine, light-colored bowel movements. 	Hepatitis B is spread during vaginal, anal, or oral sex with an infected person. Also spread by sharing needles (to inject drugs, or for any other reason) with an infected person. Can also be spread by direct contact with infected blood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give Hepatitis B to your sexual partner(s). • Some people never completely recover. • Some people cannot be cured. Symptoms go away, but they can still spread Hepatitis B to others. • The infection can cause liver damage. • A mother with Hepatitis B can give it to her baby during childbirth.

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Herpes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms show up 1-30 days after having sex with an infected person. • Some people have no symptoms, others flu-like feelings. • Small, painful blisters on the sex organs or mouth. • Blisters last 1-3 weeks. • Blisters go away, but you can still have herpes, and blisters can return. 	Herpes is spread during vaginal, anal, and oral sex with an infected person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give Herpes to your sexual partner(s). • Herpes cannot be cured. • A mother with Herpes can give it to her baby during childbirth.
HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms show up several months to several years after contact with someone infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. • Can be present for many years with no symptoms. • Unexplained weight loss or tiredness. 	HIV/AIDS is spread by contact with infected bodily fluids, including during vaginal, anal, and oral sex, and by sharing needles with an infected person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give HIV to your sexual partner(s), or anyone you share needles with. • HIV cannot be cured. Most people die from the disease. • A mother with HIV can give it to her baby in the womb, during childbirth, or while breastfeeding.
Syphilis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st stage: symptoms show up 3-12 weeks after having sex with an infected person: a painless, reddish-brown sore or sores on the mouth, sex organs, breasts or fingers; sores last 1-5 weeks, sores go away, the Syphilis does not. • 2nd stage: symptoms show up 1 week to 6 months after the sores heal: rash over entire body; flu-like feelings; rash and flu-like feelings go away, the Syphilis does not. 	Syphilis is spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex with someone who has Syphilis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give Syphilis to your sexual partner(s). • A mother with Syphilis can give it to her baby during childbirth, or have a miscarriage. • The infection can cause heart disease, brain damage, blindness, and death.
Vaginitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some women have no symptoms. • Itching, burning, or pain in the vagina. • More discharge from the vagina than normal. • Discharge smells and/or looks different. 	Vaginitis is spread during vaginal, anal, and oral sex. Men can carry Vaginitis infections without symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can give Vaginitis infections to your sexual partner(s). • Uncomfortable symptoms will continue. • Men can get infections in the penis, prostate gland, or urethra.

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