

The Most Common STDs

STD	Symptoms	Damage	Numbers
Chlamydia	<p>Men - Usually none. Some experience discharge from the penis and burning with urination.</p> <p>Women - Usually none. Some experience pain and/or vaginal discharge.</p>	<p>Men - Sterility.</p> <p>Women - Considered to be the most common cause of sterility. Advanced stage may require removal of uterus, tubes, and ovaries.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 3 million new cases reported annually. 2) 75% are unaware they are infected. 3) 40% of those sexually active are suspected carriers.
Gonorrhea	<p>Men - Pus from urethra. Burning upon urination.</p> <p>Women - Pelvic pain. Painful urination and pus-like discharge.</p>	<p>Men - Sterility. Scarring of the urethra and urinary tract problems.</p> <p>Women - Sterility. Surgery in severe cases.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 650,000 new cases reported annually. 2) 80% are not aware they are infected in the early stages.
Syphilis	<p>Men - 1st stage: swollen nonpainful ulcers on external genitalia. 2nd stage: changes of skin, fever, enlarged lymph nodes.</p> <p>Women - 1st stage: often unnoticed. 2nd stage: same as men.</p>	<p>Men - Brain disorders, heart disease, blindness, dementia and death.</p> <p>Women - Same as men. Can cause birth defects or death in newborns if mother is infected.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 70,000 new cases reported annually. 2) 50% are not aware they have this disease.
HIV/AIDS	<p>Men - Fever, sore throat, fatigue, swollen lymph glands.</p> <p>Women - Same as men.</p>	<p>Men - Immune system breakdown, death.</p> <p>Women - Same as men.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 6th leading cause of death among persons 15-24 years 2) 20% infected during the teen years.
Genital Herpes	<p>Men - Lesions appear at the site of infection - periodic eruptions of painful blister and ulcers anywhere on the body.</p> <p>Women - Same as men.</p>	<p>Men - Continuous outbreaks. Eventually may lead to hospitalization. Lifetime medication required.</p> <p>Women - Same as men. Causes infant death.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 45 million infected. 2) 1 million new cases annually. 3) 75% show no symptoms. 4) 25% of women have this disease.
HPV (Human Papilloma-virus)	<p>Men - Wart-like genital growths.</p> <p>Women - Often no visible symptoms. Some experience vulvar burning itching and pain. Abnormal pap smears.</p>	<p>Men - Cancer of the penis and anus.</p> <p>Women - Initially premalignant changes difficult to eradicate. Develops into cervical cancer if not treated.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20 million people are thought to be carriers. 2) 80 different strains exist today. 3) 75% of reproductive population is infected with this virus.
Hepatitis B	<p>Men - Often none. Some experience yellowing of the skin (jaundice), tiredness, dark urine and grey-colored stool.</p> <p>Women - Same as men.</p>	<p>Men - Severe liver damage. Can eventually lead to cancer of the liver and cirrhosis.</p> <p>Women - Same as men.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 120,000 new cases annually. 2) 40% - 50% children born to infected mothers develop liver cancer.
PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease)	<p>Men - This disease affects only women.</p> <p>Women - See Chlamydia & Gonorrhea. Often symptoms are minor and mistaken for menstrual cramps.</p>	<p>Men - This disease affects only women.</p> <p>Women - Ectopic Pregnancy (fertilized egg implants in the fallopian tubes instead of uterus). Can be life-threatening. Sterility, & cancer common.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 1 million new cases annually; most in the 15-19 year age group. 2) 100,000 women become infertile as a result of PID each year.