

STDs: GONORRHEA

Symptoms in Females

- Abnormal vaginal discharge, which may be brownish
- Painful urination
- Abdominal pain, nausea, or fever
- Unusual vaginal bleeding or spotting
- NOTE: Some females have NO symptoms!

Symptoms in Males:

- Painful urination
- Thin, yellowish discharge from the penis
- Swelling of the testicles
- Rarely, males may have no symptoms

Other Problems

Untreated, gonorrhea infection can spread. In females, the uterus and fallopian tubes can become infected (This is called PID, or pelvic inflammatory disease). In males, the epididymis (a tube connecting to the testicles) can become infected. In either sex, sterility may result. Also, the infection can spread to the bloodstream. In females, tubal pregnancies are more likely if there has been an infection inside the fallopian tubes.

Treatment

1. Cefixime 400-mg tablets, 1 tablet taken in the clinic
2. Ceftriaxone (an injection) given in the clinic

It is extremely important that you partner be treated as well, or your infection may return. Do not have sex until both you and your partner have completed treatment.

If your symptoms do not go away, call the clinic!

Protecting Yourself

- ALWAYS use condoms when you have sex.
- Abstinence is the only 100% effective way to NOT get STDs.
- Limit your partners. People with more than one partner in the past year are at greater risk of getting STDs.
- Get regular checkups.