

## Gonorrhoea Fact Sheet

### What is Gonorrhoea?

Gonorrhoea is a sexually transmitted infection caused by bacteria that can be spread by vaginal, penile, oral, or anal sexual contact and intercourse.

### What are the symptoms (if any)?

People with Gonorrhoea often have no symptoms. If symptoms are present, these may include a burning sensation when urinating, painful bowel movements and a sore throat.

Women may also suffer unusual discharge and vaginal bleeding. Men may also have an unusual discharge from the penis and painful or swollen testicles.

### How is it treated?

Gonorrhoea is curable and can be treated with an injection and oral dose of antibiotics.

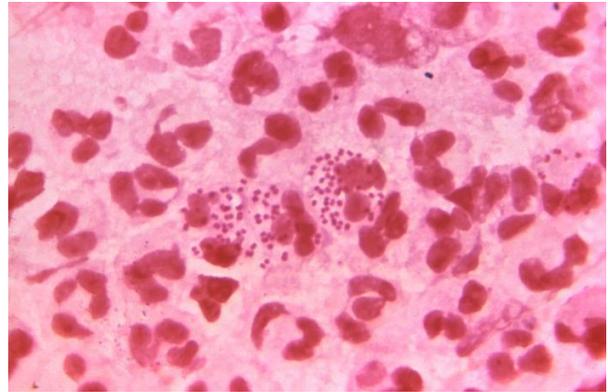
You should abstain from sexual intercourse until your treatment is finished, and ensure that your sexual partners are also treated to avoid re-infecting each other.

### What happens if you do not get treated?

If Gonorrhoea is left untreated, there is an increased risk of getting other STIs, including HIV.

In women Gonorrhoea can also be a major cause of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID) and infertility.

Women who have Gonorrhoea during pregnancy tend to have higher rates of miscarriage, infection of the amniotic sac and fluid, preterm birth and Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes.



*The bacteria which cause Gonorrhoea: Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Gonorrhoea can be transmitted from mother to child during birth and newborn children can develop Gonorrhoea most commonly in the eyes and may eventually go blind if left untreated.

If Gonorrhoea spreads from the urethra to the testicles it can cause epididymitis, which is pain in the area of the testicles known as the epididymis. Some studies have suggested that in men, there may also be a link between Gonorrhoea infection and an increased risk of developing prostate cancer.

### Better2Know Testing Information

You should wait 14 days after any incident you are concerned about before getting tested for Gonorrhoea.

Better2Know's standard Gonorrhoea test uses a urine sample to test for Gonorrhoea. If you have other particular symptoms, we can also take a swab of your throat, vagina or rectum to test for Gonorrhoea.

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