

# Gonorrhea Fact Sheet

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### What is gonorrhea?

ages 15-24 years.

Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that can infect anyone who has sex. It can cause infections in the genitals, rectum, and throat. It is a very common infection, especially among young people

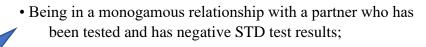
#### How is gonorrhea spread?

You can get gonorrhea by having vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who has gonorrhea. A pregnant woman with gonorrhea can give the infection to her baby during childbirth.

## How can I lessen my risk of getting gonorrhea?

The only way to avoid STDs is to not have vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

If you have sex, the following things can lessen your chances of getting gonorrhea:



• Using condoms the right way every time you have sex. (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/condomeffectiveness/">https://www.cdc.gov/condomeffectiveness/</a>)



### I was diagnosed with gonorrhea, now what?

- Take all medications as prescribed.
- If you have symptoms, **call us or stop in** if the symptoms get worse or do not get better within 3 days.
- Do not have any type of sex until your follow-up test is done.
- Do not have any type of sex with partner(s) until they are checked by a medical professional. Someone can have gonorrhea with no symptoms. We have referral cards available to have your partner(s) checked by a medical professional.