

## What's Up Down There?

Disease (Cause)	How It's Spread	When Symptoms Appear	Common Symptoms	Test	Complications
<b>CHLAMYDIA</b> (bacteria)	Sexual contact	Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID): unknown Others: 7-14 days	<b>WOMEN:</b> Often no symptoms <b>MEN:</b> Burning and penile discharge; may cause NGU (non-gonococcal urethritis)	<b>WOMEN:</b> Urine sample <b>MEN:</b> Urine sample	<b>WOMEN:</b> Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID); inflammation of fallopian tubes; may infect baby at birth, causing eye infection and pneumonia. <b>MEN:</b> Inflammation of epididymis (long, oval shaped structure attached to the rear upper surface of each testicle), testicles, and prostate.
<b>GENITAL HERPES</b> (virus)	Sexual contact with virus in blisters, or with virus being shed without blisters	Usually 2-10 days (symptoms reoccur often)	Cluster of ulcerated painful blisters in the genital area; may have pain when urinating; swollen glands, discharge, fever, body aches	Visual and microscopic exam	May infect baby at birth, person remains infected for life; symptoms can occur often
<b>GENITAL WARTS</b> (virus)	Sexual contact	A month or more	Wart-like growths, sometimes with itching and irritation	Visual exam	Can block vaginal, penile, and rectal openings; may infect baby at birth, blocking throat; may be linked with cancer
<b>GONORRHEA</b> (bacteria)	Sexual contact	2-30 days (average 3-7 days)	Penile discharge (pus) with pain and burning during urination; anal or vaginal gonorrhea may have discharge; with oral gonorrhea, may have sore throat	<b>MEN:</b> Urine Sample <b>WOMEN:</b> Urine Sample	Sterility, scarring of tubes. <b>WOMEN:</b> PID (see above) May infect baby at birth, causing blindness.

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<b>HEPATITIS B</b> (virus)	Sexual contact or sharing needles; may infect baby before or at birth	6 weeks-6 months	Weakness, no appetite, fever, headache, muscle pain, and dark urine, but symptoms may be too mild to notice	Blood test	Some infected people become chronic carriers; can lead to chronic liver problems and/or cancer
<b>HIV/AIDS</b> (virus)	Sexual contact or sharing needles; may infect baby before or at birth	<b>HIV:</b> blood test positive at 6 weeks to 6 months in most cases <b>AIDS:</b> may take 10 years or longer to develop	Often no symptoms for years; early symptoms include weight loss, sores in mouth, sore throat, swollen glands, night sweats	Blood test	Pneumonia and other infections; Kaposi's sarcoma (tumors)
<b>SYPHILIS</b> (spirochete)	Sexual contact; may infect baby before birth	10-90 days (average is 3 weeks)	Primary: painless sore on or around penis, vagina, mouth, anus Secondary: non-itchy rash, flu-like symptoms, swollen glands	Blood test	If untreated, brain damage, paralysis, heart disease in later years; damage to skin, bones, eyes, teeth, and liver to baby at birth
<b>VAGINITIS</b> <b>TRICHOMONA VAGINALIS</b> (protozoa)  <b>CANDIDA</b> (yeast) <b>GARDERELLA</b> (bacteria)	Sexual contact (but can occur without sexual contact)	4-28 days (varies with cause)	<b>WOMEN:</b> Frothy or cheesy discharge itching, burning redness of vaginal area <b>MEN:</b> Usually no symptoms; may have rash, itching of skin, and burning with urination	Smear-wet preps	Skin irritation, secondary infections
<b>SCABIES &amp; CRABS</b> (mites & lice)	Sexual contact; other intimate contact; sometimes from bedding and clothing	2-4 weeks	Intense itching; crabs and eggs attach to hair; mites burrow under skin	Visual exam	Skin infections from scratching