

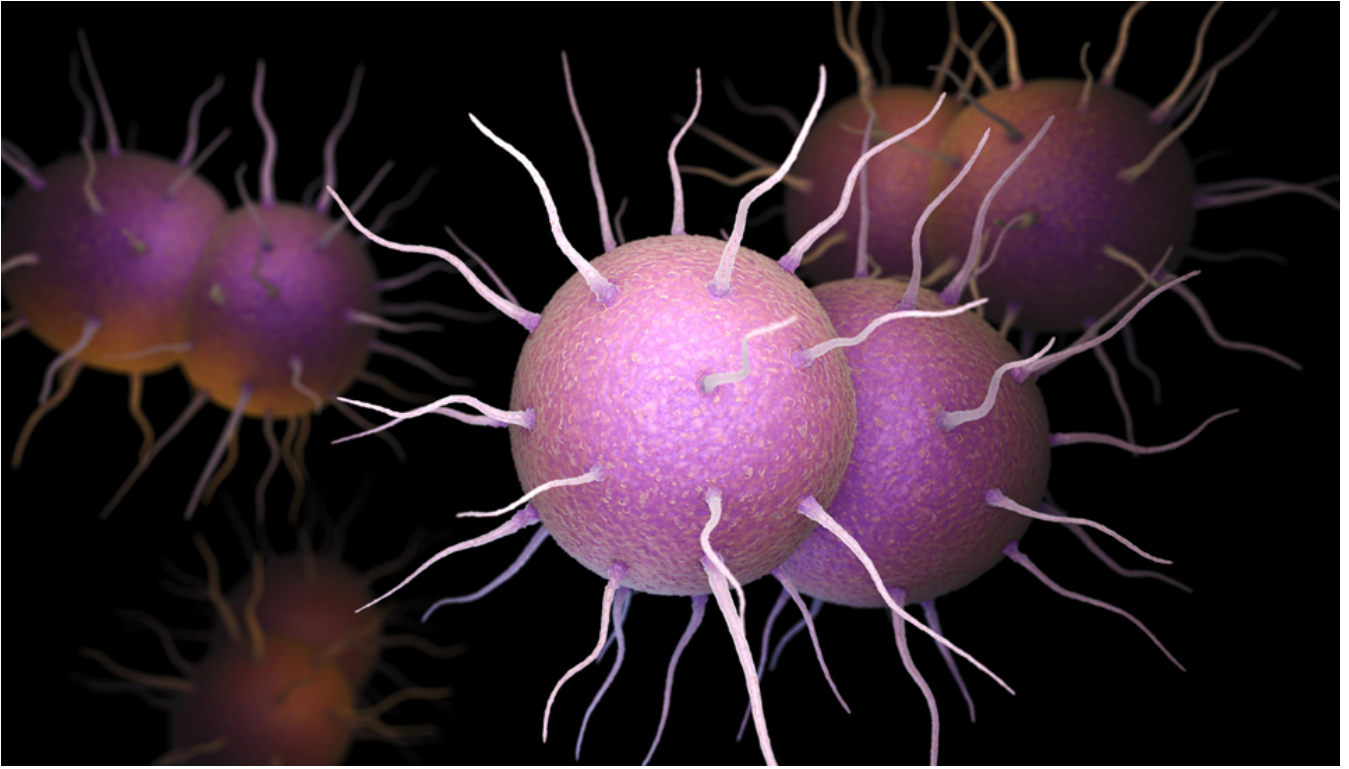


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## **Gonorrhea**

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Gonorrhea, sometimes called "the clap," is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that is transmitted by a bacterium in vaginal secretions and semen ("cum"). It can be spread through vaginal, anal, or oral sex without a condom or latex/polyurethane barrier.

Symptoms may include a yellowish or greenish vaginal discharge and a burning feeling when urinating ("peeing"). Gonorrhoea can also affect the anus ("butt") and the throat. Many women have no symptoms. Symptoms in the butt include rectal pain, discharge and bleeding, caused by a condition called proctitis. In the throat, the bacterium can cause an itchy or persistent sore throat.

Gonorrhoea can be treated with antibiotics. If left untreated, it can cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) and permanent infertility (difficulty getting pregnant). All sexually active women should be screened for gonorrhoea. If you are not offered a gonorrhoea test, you may want to request one from your health care provider.

If you test positive and are treated, it is important that your partner receive treatment in order to prevent reinfection.

[View our full fact sheet on Sexually Transmitted Infections or Diseases \(STIs or STDs\)](#)

## Additional Resources

Select the links below for additional material related to gonorrhoea.

- [Gonorrhoea Symptoms & Treatment \(Be in the Know, by AVERT\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea – CDC Basic Fact Sheet \(US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(aidsmap\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(CATIE\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea: Symptoms & Causes \(Mayo Clinic\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(US Office on Women's Health\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(Planned Parenthood\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(Cleveland Clinic\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(Nemours TeensHealth\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea: Fast Facts \(American Sexual Health Association\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(Ending HIV, Australia\)](#)
- [Gonorrhoea \(Terrence Higgins Trust, UK\)](#)



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