

Chlamydia

Chlamydia is a common Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) that can infect both men and women. It can cause serious, permanent damage to a woman's reproductive system. This can make it difficult or impossible for her to get pregnant later on.

Chlamydia can also cause a potentially fatal ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy that occurs outside the womb).

Symptoms

Most people who have chlamydia have no symptoms. If you do have symptoms, they may not appear until several weeks after you have sex with an infected partner. You should be examined by your doctor if you notice any of these symptoms or if your partner has an STD or symptoms of an STD. STD symptoms can include:

- Unusual sore
- Smelly discharge
- Burning when urinating
- Bleeding between periods

Chlamydia Screening

Laboratory tests can diagnose chlamydia. Your health care provider may ask you to provide a urine sample to test for chlamydia.

Treatment

Chlamydia can be cured with the right treatment. It is important that you take all of the medication your doctor prescribes to cure your infection. When taken properly it will stop the infection and could decrease your chances of having complications later on. You should not share medication for chlamydia with anyone.

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/chlamydia/default.htm>

