

Yorkshire MESMAC

Sexual Health Leaflet.

Gonorrhoea



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This leaflet is designed for men who have sex with men. It provides you with information about gonorrhoea.

What is it?

- Gonorrhoea is a bacterial infection passed on through sexual contact. It is very easy to catch, can be very common and may increase the risk of HIV infection if you are also exposed to HIV.
- In men, the three areas most likely to be infected by gonorrhoea are the cock, throat and arse.

How is Gonorrhoea passed on?

- Fingering, oral sex without condoms, rimming, anal sex without condoms, vaginal sex without condoms, fisting without gloves and sharing sex toys.

What are the symptoms of Gonorrhoea?

- There are often no symptoms.
- Common symptoms include a white/yellow/green sticky discharge and/or pain when going to the toilet.

How do you prevent it from spreading?

- Using a condom with plenty of water based or silicone based lube for anal or vaginal sex will greatly reduce the risk.
- Oral sex can be made less risky if condoms and dental dams are used for sucking and rimming.
- Do not share lube or sex toys.

How is it treated?

- By injection and a course of antibiotics in tablet form.
- The course must be completed, just because the symptoms have gone doesn't mean the infection has - you will need a repeat test after two weeks to ensure the infection has cleared.
- Left untreated, gonorrhoea can cause long-term problems including infertility.
- Recent partners will also need testing and treating for gonorrhoea even if they have no symptoms, if you have sex again with one of these partners before they have been treated you risk getting the infection back again.

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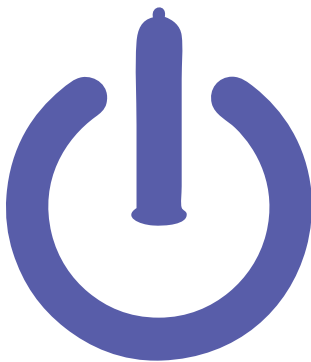
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