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How Are They Transmitted?

SEXUAL CONTACT (oral, anal and vaginal sex)

DIRECT SKIN-TO-SKIN
CONTACT

BLOOD CONTACT

MOTHER TO CHILD





The most common symptoms of STIs are



Other symptoms might include:

- Sores, bumps, blisters, swelling or growths on sex organs
- Burning sensation while urinating
- Discharge or itching from penis/vagina/anus
- Pelvic or abdominal pain
- Flu or cold-like symptoms



Think You Are Not At Risk?

Half of all sexually active young people will people will acquire an STI at least once before the age of 25!

Protect Yourself By...

- Abstaining from all sexual activity
- Communicating with your partner about sexual history
- Mutual monogamy
- Using male or female condoms
- Vaccinations
- Getting Tested regularly



The CDC estimates 20 million new infections annually

STIs Commonly Affecting Young Adults

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

- Most often passed through genital contact, and less commonly through oral sex.
- Nearly all sexually active people will get HPV in their lifetime – for this reason, vaccination is recommended.
- There are many strains of the virus. Some cause genital warts, some cause cervical cancer, and others may have no symptoms.
- A test is available for women, but not for men.
- Treatable but not curable.





Gonorrhea & Chlamydia

- Transmitted by sexual activity even if no ejaculation occurs.
- Can cause infertility.
- Most women and many men may experience no symptoms.
- Female Infections:
 - May be mistaken for bladder or vaginal infection, burning during urination, vaginal bleeding between periods.
- Male infections:
 - Burning during urination, white/yellow/green discharge from penis, swollen testes.
- Anal Infections:
 - Anal itching, discharge, soreness, bleeding, painful bowel movements.
- Curable with antibiotics.
 - Condoms reduce risk.
- CDC recommends testing annually.

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Genital Herpes

- Transmitted by sexual activity.
- May experience no symptoms or one or more blisters/sores on the genitals, mouth, or rectum.
- from skin that does not appear to have any sores, and the virus can be transmitted from the genitals to other areas such as the eyes or mouth.
- Testing is available by taking a swab of the sore or blood test.
- Treatable but not curable.



HIV

- Transmitted by blood, semen and pre-ejaculatory fluid, vaginal secretions, rectal mucous, & breast milk.
- Virus attacks the immune system.
- Many HIV-positive individuals do not have symptoms.
- Some HIV-positive individuals may experience flu-like symptoms 2 weeks to 3 months after exposure.
- 1 in 5 living with HIV is unaware.
- Condoms can reduce risk.
- It may take up to 90 days for an infected individual to test positive for HIV antibodies.
- Treatable but not curable.



Testing at FAU

Student Health Services

- HIV & STI Testing by appointment offered at a reduced cost
- Gardasil and other vaccinations available

Owls Care Health Promotion

 FREE, walk-in, HIV rapid test every Tuesday 9am-2pm.

Free male and female condoms are available at both offices as well.





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