



Chancroid Fact Sheet

Chancroid ("SHANG-kroid") is a type of bacteria transmitted through sexual contact that causes genital sores

Symptoms: Usually 3-10 days after exposure

- A classic chancre (genital sore) is/has:
 - Ragged or eroded edges
 - pus filled
 - Painful
 - Soft to the touch
 - In general:
 - Chancres on penis, rectum, or vulva--especially around the opening of the vagina
 - Swollen glands in groin area

Prevention:

- Abstinence
- Early treatment of STDs
- Appropriate use of latex condoms consistently and correctly during any kind of sex--only protect penile and vaginal areas
- Appropriate use of latex barrier for oral sex on a vagina or anus

Transmitted through:

- Skin on skin contact with open ulcer
- Infection of other non-sexual sites can occur with contact of pus from ulcer

Treatment: Can be cured

- Antibiotics
- Appropriate treatment of partner

Consequences without treatment:

- Increased risk for HIV
- Lymph nodes on one side of the body can fuse together to form a bubo
- Ruptured buboes are susceptible to new infections
- In uncircumcised males, new scar tissue can result in the foreskin being unable to be retracted over the glands

Contact Information