



Chlamydia Fact Sheet

Chlamydia is the most common STD in the U.S., but is very easily treatable. If left untreated, chlamydia may make it hard for a woman to get pregnant

Symptoms: If symptoms occur, they appear usually 1-3 weeks after exposure

In women:

Abnormal vaginal discharge

Burning sensation during urination

Rectal pain (if anal sex was practiced)

• In men:

- Discharge from penis
- Burning sensation during urination
- Anal irritation
- Sometimes swelling of testicles

Transmitted through:

- Vaginal, anal, or oral sex
- Infected mother to newborn during vaginal childbirth

Prevention:

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

Treatment: Can be cured

- Medication prescribed by a health care provider
- Appropriate treatment of partner

Consequences without treatment:

- Infertility
- Ectopic pregnancy
- Chronic pelvic pain
- Increased risk in acquiring pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), following surgeries like a hysterectomy or abortions

Consequences without treatment in pregnancy:

- Premature delivery
- Low birth weight in newborns
- Severe eye and respiratory tract in newborns

Contact Information