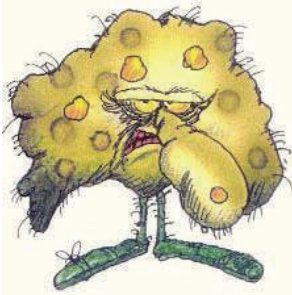


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## Facts

- Gonorrhea is a bacterium that easily multiplies in the warm moist areas of the reproductive tract
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that more than 700,000 people contract Gonorrhea each year
- Gonorrhea is spread through contact with the penis, vagina, mouth, or anus.
- Ejaculation does not have to occur for Gonorrhea to be transmitted

## Symptoms

### Men

- Some men with Gonorrhea have no symptoms
- Symptoms can appear as early as two days after infection or they can take as long as 30 days to appear
- Burning sensation when urinating, white, yellow, or green discharge from the penis
- Sometimes men with Gonorrhea experience painful or swollen testicles

### Women

- Symptoms are often mild
- Most women have no symptoms
- Signs and symptoms include painful or burning sensation when urinating
- Increased vaginal discharge
- Vaginal bleeding between periods
- Women with Gonorrhea are at risk for developing serious complications regardless of the presence of symptoms

## Treatment

- Untreated Gonorrhea can cause serious and permanent health problems including infertility in both men and women.
- Several antibiotics can successfully cure Gonorrhea. However, drug-resistant strains of Gonorrhea are increasing in many parts of the world, including the United States. Successful treatment in these strains is becoming more difficult.

Latex condoms when used consistently and correctly, can reduce the risk of transmission of Gonorrhea.

## Long term damage

**If left untreated Gonorrhea can cause Pelvic Inflammatory Disease in women. PID can damage the fallopian tubes enough to cause infertility.**

**In men, untreated Gonorrhea can cause epididymitis, a painful condition of the ducts attached to the testicles. If left untreated this can lead to infertility.**