

# GONORRHEA

## (Clap or Dose)

### What causes it?

Bacteria (Neisseria gonorrhoea).

### How do I get it?

- sexual contact: unprotected vaginal, anal or oral sex
- infected mother can spread to her newborn, causing eye infection or pneumonia during delivery

### What are the symptoms?

#### Women:

- no or few symptoms or
- increased vaginal discharge
- frequent or burning peeing
- pain in the lower stomach (abdomen) area
- fever and chills
- pain during sexual intercourse
- vaginal bleeding between periods or after sex

#### Men:

- yellowish-white or green discharge from the penis
- frequent or burning peeing
- pain or swelling in the testicles or groin
- If the rectum or mouth become infected, men or women may experience:
- sore or itchy throat or rectal area
- discharge from infected throat or rectum

### How do you test for it?

Pelvic exam and swab from vagina or penis.

### What treatment is available?

- gonorrhoea is curable – take an antibiotic as directed by your doctor or nurse
- your health care provider will advise you about treatment for anyone you have had sex with, even if they do not have symptoms
- don't have sex while taking the medicine: ask your health care provider when it's safe to start having sex again
- don't have unprotected sex with an untreated partner

Some bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics, so it's a good idea to have follow-up testing 1 to 2 weeks after you have finished the treatment to make sure it was successful.

## What complications can happen?

### Women:

- untreated infection can spread to reproductive organs and cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), inability to have children (infertility) or tubal (ectopic) pregnancy

### Men:

- long term effects of gonorrhea infection in men are not well understood but male fertility may be affected

## Where can I get tested?

You can get tested at:

- YCDC (Yukon Communicable Disease Control)  
#4 Hospital Road  
667-8323 or 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8323
- Community Health Centre
- [Medical Clinics](#)