

TRICHOMONIASIS

(Trich)

What causes it?

One-celled protozoa (*Trichomonas vaginalis*).

How do I get it?

- sexual contact: transmitted through sexual intercourse
- exposure to the towels or washcloths of an infected person or to low temperature, non-chlorinated water that has been infected in hot tubs or whirlpools

What are the symptoms?

Women may get symptoms such as:

- foamy, yellowish-green or grey discharge from the vagina with a smell
- inflamed or itchy vagina
- pain in lower stomach area, sometimes with a fever and chills
- pain during sex or peeing
- bleeding between periods or after sex

Most men will not have any symptoms or they may get:

- clear discharge from the penis
- burning feeling when peeing

Mostly women get this infection but men can spread it.

How do you test for it?

Pelvic exam and swab from the penis or vagina.

What treatment is available?

Trich is curable with prescription medication: both you and your partner must be treated.

What complications can happen?

- in rare cases, it may lead to pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) in women or a urinary tract infection
- pregnant woman with Trich can have a premature or low birth weight baby

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](#)