



Gonorrhoea infection is a common STI among men who have sex with men (MSM) and young straight men and women.

Gonorrhoea is a bacterial infection that can grow in the anus, penis, throat and vagina/cervix (and also the eyes).

An STI check-up is the best way to find out if you have an infection.

Get a free check-up at GMHS STI Clinic or your nearest STI Clinic.

Gonorrhoea can be treated by specific antibiotics.

Gonorrhoea Symptoms.

- You can have Gonorrhoea and not have any symptoms.
- Symptoms of Gonorrhoea might show between one and 14 days after a sexual contact, such as:
 - Penis: discharge, itching, pain or burning when peeing (also vagina)
 - Anus: discharge, soreness, itching or bleeding
 - Mouth: a sore throat
 - Eyes: discharge or red eye

These symptoms can also be associated with other STIs or infections.

Untreated Gonorrhoea can sometimes cause serious and permanent health problems in men and women, including infertility.

Gonorrhoea can be found inside the penis, rectum, vagina/cervix and the throat.

You can get it through:

- Unprotected sex: oral, anal or vaginal [Note: ejaculation does not have to happen].
- By rimming or by sharing fingers or sex toys.
- It can spread on fingers by touching an infected area and parts of your or someone else's body, including the eyes.
- It can be passed from mother to baby during childbirth.



Gonorrhoea transmission may be prevented by safer sex practices.

- Use condoms for anal and vaginal sex
- Use condoms or dental dams for oral sex
- Do not share sex toys or fingers

The best way to prevent Gonorrhoea transmission is to get tested, and treated if required, particularly if starting a relationship where one or both of you were previously sexually active.

If you are sexually active, go for a regular STI check-up.

Having Gonorrhoea, or any other STI, can increase the chances of acquiring or transmitting HIV infection.

Free tests for Gonorrhoea and other STIs available:



GMHS STI Clinic

Baggot St. Hospital, Dublin 4. www.gmhs.ie
Walk-in Tues & Weds - Open 5pm to 6.30pm
Tel: 01 6699 553 SMS 087 9410 934

Your nearest STI/GUM clinic

See www.Man2Man.ie for a list.

The test for Gonorrhoea includes a urine sample and swabs from the anus and throat.

www.Man2Man.ie

For more information on STIs and HIV in Arabic, English, French, Irish, Mandarin, Portuguese, Polish, Spanish, and Russian.

Sexual Health Information and Support

Gay Switchboard Ireland 01 872 1055 (seven days a week)
Email: ask@ghn.ie



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