



Information on Gonorrhea and Where to Find Medical Care

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

What is gonorrhea?

Gonorrhea is sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) caused by bacteria. Gonorrhea can cause infection in the reproductive and genital tracts, throat, and rectum depending on the type of sex a person has. People may not have symptoms, or might only have mild symptoms. When present, symptoms can include burning or pain with urination (peeing), penile or vaginal discharge, and pain or swelling in the testicles of men. Rectal infection can also cause rectal pain, bleeding, or discharge, and throat infection can cause a sore throat. More serious complications of gonorrhea include infection of the reproductive organs called Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), infertility (inability to become pregnant), and ectopic pregnancy (an abnormal pregnancy that develops outside of the uterus). If not treated, gonorrhea can also spread to the blood and joints, which can be life-threatening.

Even without symptoms, gonorrhea can be passed on to sex partners and if not treated can lead to serious and permanent health complications. Having an untreated sex partner is an important risk factor for repeat infection and complications. Treatment of the sex partners of a person diagnosed with gonorrhea is important to stop it from spreading to others.

Why am I getting this information?

One of your sex partners has been diagnosed with and treated for gonorrhea. You also need to seek medical care and be treated because you are at risk of having a gonorrhea infection and could develop serious health problems, re-infect your sex partner, or pass it on to others.

I don't feel sick, should I still seek medical care?

Yes. People with a gonorrhea infection may not feel sick or have any symptoms (signs), but you might still have a gonorrhea infection that can cause long-term health problems and be spread to others. Going to see a health care provider will ensure you get tested and treated.

How do I avoid Sexually Transmitted Diseases?

The only way to completely avoid STDs, is to not have sex. If you choose to have sex, do it safely by using a latex condom every time and for every kind of sex (oral, anal or vaginal sex). You can also reduce your chances of getting chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, and other STDs by limiting the number of people you have sex with. The more sex partners you have, the higher your risk of getting an STD.

What if I have questions?

You can call the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services at (603) 271-4496 or your health care provider. There is additional information on our website: www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/gonorrhea.htm

How do I find a medical provider?

If you do not have health insurance call (800) 318-2596 or learn more about your options at https://www.nh.gov/insurance/consumers/mp_plans.htm. If you don't already have a primary care provider to help look after your health, the following page contains a list of providers where you can go to get low-to-no-cost testing and treatment for gonorrhea.

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)

Partner Agencies

These agencies provide full STD testing and treatment services, as well as testing for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Viral Hepatitis C (HCV). Please contact the agency directly for more information about walk-in hours and appointment availability.

If you are concerned that you have been exposed to gonorrhea or a partner has told you that they have gonorrhea, please notify the agency when you call and testing and treatment for gonorrhea will be provided at no cost. Additional STD, HIV and HCV services are provided at low-to-no cost.

MANCHESTER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1528 Elm Street
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-624-6466

NASHUA DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

18 Mulberry Street
Nashua, NH
Tel: 603-589-4500

Primary Care and/or Family Planning

Partner Agencies

Please contact these agencies to learn more about affordable testing and treatment for gonorrhea and other STDs, including HIV:

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

25 Mt Eustis Road
Littleton, NH 03561
Tel: 603-444-2464

CAP BELKNAP/MERRIMACK COUNTY

121 Belmont Road
Laconia, NH 03246
Tel: 603-528-0126

CONCORD HOSPITAL - FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

250 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
Tel: 603-228-7200

Primary Care and/or Family Planning **Partner Agencies, continued**

COOS COUNTY FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

54 Willow St.
Berlin, NH 03570
Tel: 603-752-2040

EQUALITY HEALTH CENTER (formerly CONCORD FEMINIST HEALTH CENTER)

38 South Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
Tel: 603-225-2739

FAMILIES FIRST OF THE GREATER SEACOAST

100 Campus Drive, Suite 12
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Tel: 603-422-8208

FEMINIST HEALTH CENTER OF PORTSMOUTH/LOVERING HEALTH CENTER

559 Portsmouth Avenue
Greenland, NH 03840
Tel: 603-436-7588

GOODWIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

311 Route 108
Somersworth, NH 03878
Tel: 603-749-2346

HEALTH FIRST FAMILY CARE CENTER

841 Central St.
Franklin, NH 03235
Tel: 603-934-1464

HARBOR HOMES

45 High Street
Nashua, NH 03060
Tel: 603-882-3616

INDIAN STREAM HEALTH CENTER

141 Corliss Lane
Colebrook, NH 03576
Tel: 603-237-8336

**Primary Care and/or Family Planning
Partner Agencies, continued**

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE - NASHUA

22 Prospect Street
Nashua, NH 03060
Tel: 603-883-1626

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE – NEWMARKET

207 South Main Street
Newmarket, NH 03857
Tel: 603-659-3106

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE – RAYMOND

128 Route 27
Raymond, NH 03077
Tel: 603-895-3351

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

145 Hollis Street
Manchester, NH 03101
Tel: 603-626-9500

**MANCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
(CHILD HEALTH SERVICES)**

1245 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101
Tel: 603-626-9500

**MANCHESTER HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(Manchester Healthcare for the Homeless)**

1528 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101
Tel: 603-624-6466

MID-STATE HEALTH CENTER

101 Boulder Drive, Suite 1
Plymouth, NH 03264
Tel: 603-536-4000

**NEW LONDON HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, INC
(Newport Health Center)**

273 County Road
New London, NH 03257
Tel: 603-526-2911

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW
ENGLAND - CLAREMONT**

136 Pleasant St.
Claremont, NH 03743
Tel: 603-542-4568

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW
ENGLAND - DERRY**

4 Birch St.
Derry, NH 03038
Tel: 603-434-1354

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW
ENGLAND - EXETER**

108 High St.
Exeter, NH 03833
Tel: 603-772-9315

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW
ENGLAND - KEENE**

8 Middle St.
Keene, NH 03431
Tel: 603-352-6898

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW
ENGLAND - MANCHESTER**

24 Penacook St.
Manchester, NH 03104
Tel: 603-669-7321

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER - LANCASTER

173 Middle Street
Lancaster, NH 03584
Tel: 603-788-4911

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER - WHITEFIELD

24 Lancaster Road
Whitefield, NH 03598
Tel: 603-837-9005

**WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER**

298 White Mountain Highway
Conway, NH 03818
Tel: 603-447-8900