

HIV / AIDS



What to watch for:

Symptoms show up several months to several years after contact with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Can be present for many years with no symptoms.

Unexplained weight loss or tiredness.

Flu-like feelings that don't go away.

Diarrhea.

White spots in mouth.

In women, yeast infections that don't go away.

How do you get this STD?

Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex with someone who has HIV/AIDS.

Spread by sharing needles to inject drugs, or any other reason.

Spread by contact with infected blood.

What happens if you don't get treated?

You can give HIV to your sexual partner(s) or someone you share a needle with.

HIV cannot be cured. Can cause illness and death.

A mother with HIV can give it to her baby in the womb, during birth or while breastfeeding.