

Syphilis



What to watch for:

1st Stage:

Symptoms show up 3-12 weeks after having sex.

A painless, reddish-brown sore or sores on the mouth, sex organs, breast or fingers.

Sore lasts 1-5 weeks.

Sore goes away, but you still have syphilis.

2nd Stage:

Symptoms show up 1 week to 6 months after sore heals.

A rash anywhere on the body.

Flu-like feelings.

Rash and flu-like feelings go away, but you still have syphilis.

How do you get this STD?

Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex with someone who has syphilis.

What happens if you don't get treated?

You can give syphilis to your sexual partner(s).

Can cause heart disease, brain damage, blindness and death.

A mother with syphilis can give it to her baby during pregnancy or have a miscarriage.