



STDs COMMONLY FOUND IN AMERICA

Bacterial (curable) diseases:

Chlamydia

Chlamydia is an inflammatory disease which may lead to sterility. It is very difficult to detect and very contagious. There are an estimated 3 million new cases each year.

Gonorrhea

Gonorrhea is a widespread disease. Occasionally, it may not show symptoms until lasting damage is done to your body. It can cause acute inflammatory diseases and life-long sterility. Some new strands of gonorrhea are resistant to penicillin.

Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)

PID is a complication of an STD in which the infection spreads to the fallopian tubes (internal female reproductive organs). If left untreated, it can cause sterility.

Syphilis

Syphilis is a serious illness, which enters the bloodstream and attacks the central nervous system. The first symptoms may disappear but cause hidden damage later. Syphilis is dangerous to an unborn child. Recent studies show that the organisms may continue to cause damage in spite of heavy doses of penicillin.

Trichomoniasis

Trichomoniasis is a disease that causes smelly discharge, soreness, or severe itching. There are an estimated five million new cases each year.

Viral (incurable) diseases:

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

AIDS causes a breakdown in the immune system and frequently leads to early death. The HIV virus (which causes AIDS) is transmitted through sexual contact and other exchanges of bodily fluids. There is no cure.

Genital Herpes, or Herpes 2

An estimated 45 million Americans have genital herpes. It is an incurable disease that causes acute pain during active periods. It is of great danger to the unborn child during pregnancy and birth. There are an estimated 1 million new cases each year.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a viral infection primarily affecting the liver. More than 750,000 Americans have this disease, with 77,000 new cases annually. It can cause liver cancer, and there is no cure.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

HPV is one of the most common medical problems seen by gynecologists, and causes 99.7% of all cervical cancer in the United States. Condoms provide virtually no protection against this STD. 24 million cases of HPV are estimated to exist in the US, including a high percentage among teens. There is no cure. There are an estimated 5 million new cases each year.