

The Silent Epidemic



Chlamydia is the most prevalent STI in the United States

Female Symptoms:

- Burning sensation during urination
- Painful sexual intercourse
- Vaginal discharge and itch
- Back and abdominal discomfort
- Fever and nausea
- Bleeding between menstrual periods

Male Symptoms:

- Burning sensation during urination
- Discharge from the penis or rectum
- Testicular tenderness or pain
- Rectal pain or itching

Know the Facts:

- Over 2.5 million people are infected in the United States
- Chlamydia reports have more than doubled over the past 10 years in Virginia alone
- First Years are 70% more likely than other college students to contract Chlamydia (Emory University Health Sciences Center, news release, May 2006)
- 75% of women and 50% of men are asymptomatic. Even if there are symptoms, they are often overlooked.

Chlamydia can be treated with a single dose of antibiotics. However, if left untreated or if multiple reinfections occur Chlamydia can cause **IRREVERSABLE** long-term health effects including:

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| ♀ Chronic pelvic pain | ♂ Infertility/Sterility |
| ♀ Pelvic Inflammatory Disease | ♂ Epididymitis |
| ♀ Scarring | ♂ Reiter's Syndrome |
| ♀ Ectopic Pregnancy | |

If you think you might have Chlamydia, you can contact the Student Health Center about getting tested for STIs.

Your concerns and questions are completely confidential.

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