

SHOULD I TELL MY PARTNER?

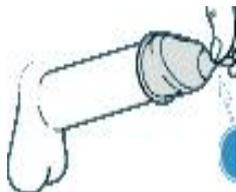


If you have Gonorrhoea your partner may have it as well.

They should go to the doctors to check if they have the bug.



They also need to know about having to use a **condom**.



If you have any questions contact the clinic

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**Looking after
your
sexual health**

GONORRHOEA

WHAT IS GONORRHOEA?

Gonorrhoea is a bug that is passed from one person to another during sex



HOW DO YOU CATCH GONORRHOEA?

It is passed from one person to another through:-

Having Sex



Sharing Sex Toys

Oral Sex



You can also pass the bug from your **fingers** to your **eyes** if you have touching genital parts



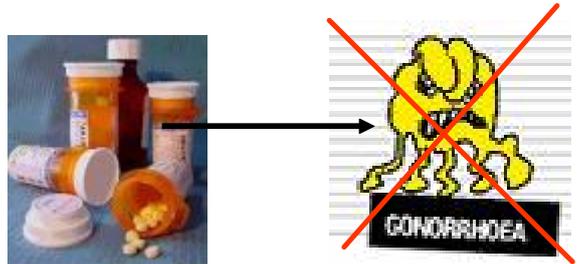
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DON'T GET TREATMENT?

The bug can spread to other parts of the body. This can cause damage to your body



It may stop you being able to have Babies

The bug (gonorrhoea) will not go away without treatment



WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF I AM PREGNANT?

The bug can be passed on to your baby. This can cause the baby to have sore eyes (conjunctivitis).



You can get tablets (antibiotics) to take whilst you are pregnant that will not harm the baby. **You must tell the doctor if you think you are pregnant**

TREATMENT

You will be given Antibiotics (pills).



If you think you are **PREGNANT**,

or if you take the oral **contraceptive PILL**



tell the doctor



Do not have sex until you have finished the treatment

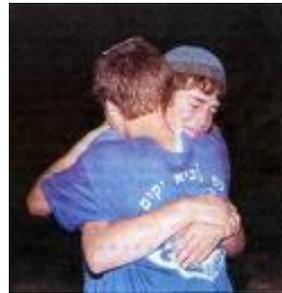


You cannot catch it from:-

Kissing



Hugging



Sharing baths
Or towels



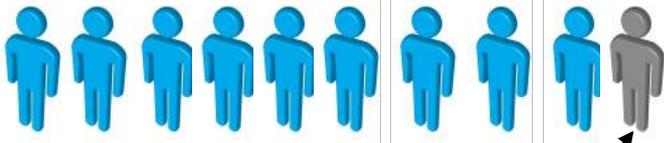
Sharing cups,
knives,
forks, etc.



Toilet seats



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



1 out of every 10 **men**,

No symptoms



1 out of every 2 **women**.

who have the bug will not have any signs or symptoms that can be seen. They will still have the bug and can still pass it to other people.

things that you may see on your body

Women

yellow or green watery liquid (discharge) from your vagina.



Pain when passing urine (peeing)

Pain in your stomach

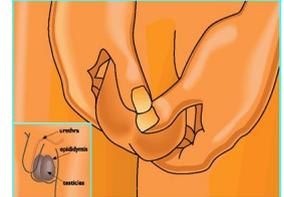
Men

White, yellow or green from your penis



Pain when passing urine (peeing)

Pain in your testicles (balls)



Both (men and women)

Itching and discharge from the bum.



Have I got Gonorrhoea?



If think you may have the bug you can only find out by having a test.

What are the tests?

The doctor or nurse will wipe a swab (cotton bud) over the area where the bug is e.g. penis, or vagina.



This is quick and does not hurt.