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# Gonorrhoea

This resource is for Gay men, Bisexual men and men who have sex with men. It aims to provide you with information about Gonorrhoea – its symptoms, treatment and prevention during sex between men.

Also called the 'clap', Gonorrhoea is caused by bacteria that live in moist, warm parts of the body. It is very easy to catch and so is very common. In men, the three areas most likely to be infected are the cock, throat and arse.

Untreated Gonorrhoea left a long time can do serious damage to your body.

## How is Gonorrhoea passed on?

Gonorrhoea can be passed on by many sexual activities including fingering, sucking, rimming and fucking without condoms.

## What are the symptoms of Gonorrhoea?

There are often no symptoms especially with Gonorrhoea of the throat although some people get a sore throat. Gonorrhoea in the cock can cause a white/yellow discharge and pain when passing urine. You might want to pass urine but can't – or only a little. With Gonorrhoea of the arse you may not notice anything unusual or there may be a discharge on your shit or pain when shitting.

## How is Gonorrhoea prevented?

Using a condom with plenty of water based lube for anal sex will greatly reduce the risk. Oral sex can be made less risky if condoms and dental dams are used for sucking and rimming.

## How is Gonorrhoea treated?

Gonorrhoea is treated by a course of antibiotics in tablet form or by injection. These must be taken until the course is complete, just because the symptoms have gone doesn't mean the infection has.

## Gonorrhoea for people living with HIV

Having an STI such as Gonorrhoea can contribute to an increase in your viral load. Even if you are attending services regularly for HIV you may not have had a full STI screen. If you are not sure if you have had an STI screen recently check with the clinic you attend. Certain types of Gonorrhoea may need treatments that could interfere with other medication that you may be using. You might want to discuss the implications with your HIV doctor.