

Gonorrhea

What is Gonorrhea?

Gonorrhea is a bacterial infection caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, and can lead to infection in the cervix, uterus, and fallopian tubes the mouth, throat, anus and urethra.

Gonorrhea is the one of the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States.

Signs and Symptoms

The majority of people do not show symptoms of infection.

Symptoms in females include:

- Painful or burning feeling during urination
- Yellow vaginal discharge
- Bloody discharge
- Abdominal pain

Symptoms in men include:

- Burning sensation during urination
- Yellow-ish discharge from the penis
- Swollen or tender testicles

Gonorrhea of the throat generally has no symptoms

Transmission (How it spreads)

Sexual contact – oral, anal, and vaginal sex

Mother-to-infant at birth

Diagnosis and Treatment

Swab from the genital, rectal, or throat

Secretions can be examined under a microscope

Urine samples

Antibiotics are taken for 10-14 days

Prevention:

Practicing safe sex

Who is at Risk?

Anyone who is sexually active

If you have symptoms, call your healthcare provider

Report cases to the Riley County Health Department by calling the Disease Investigation
Line: 785-317-0474