

Trichomoniasis

What is Trichomoniasis?

Trichomoniasis is a sexually transmitted infection caused by a parasite, trichomonas vaginalis

It is estimated that 2 million women are infected by Trichomoniasis each year, mainly affecting 16-35 year olds.

Signs and Symptoms

The majority of people do not show symptoms of infection. Symptoms may occur 5-28 days after infection.

Symptoms in females include:

- Bad smelling discharge or frothy green discharge from the vagina
- Vaginal itching or redness
- Painful intercourse
- Lower abdominal discomfort
- Urge to urinate more often

Symptoms in men include:

- Pain during urination or ejaculation
- Urge to urinate often
- Discharge from the penis

Transmission (How it spreads)

Sexual activity – the parasite thrives in the vagina, urethra and/or bladder

Mother-to-infant at birth

Diagnosis and Treatment

Examination of vaginal discharge and/or the genitals

Antibiotics – metronidazole or tinidazole. Medication is safe for pregnant woman

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