

Nongonococcal Urethritis (NGU)

(caused by various organisms other than gonorrhea)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Most women and some men have no symptoms
- Begin 1-3 weeks after exposure
- Clear, yellow or white pus from the penis
- Discharge or burning of the vagina
- Burning or pain during urination

TRANSMISSION

NGU is spread by:

- Vaginal sex
- Oral sex
- Anal sex
- Infected mother to newborn

COMPLICATIONS

If left untreated, NGU can:

- Spread to sex partners
- Lead to more serious infection
- Damage reproductive organs
- Lead to infertility in men and women

During pregnancy, NGU germs can:

- Be passed from a mother to her baby during childbirth.
- Cause eye infection or pneumonia in infants.

PREVENTION

- Avoiding vaginal, oral or anal sex is the best way to prevent STDs.
- Always use latex condoms, consistently and correctly, during vaginal and anal sex.
- Use a latex condom for oral sex on a penis.
- Use a latex barrier (dental dam or condom cut in half) for oral sex on a vagina or anus.
- Limit the number of sex partners.
- Notify sex partners immediately if infected.
- Make sure sex partners are tested and treated at the same time to prevent re-infection.

TESTING AND TREATMENT

- Get a test from a medical provider if infection is suspected.
- NGU can be cured using medication prescribed by medical provider.
- Partners should be treated at same time.

NOTE: A person can be re-infected after treatment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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 STD and HIV Section
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www.health.state.mn.us/std

Minnesota Family Planning and STD Hotline
 1-800-783-2287 Voice/TTY; (651) 645-9360 (Metro)
www.sexualhealthmn.org

American Social Health Association (ASHA)
www.ashastd.org

CDC National STD and AIDS Hotlines
 1-800-CDC-INFO; 1-888-232-6348 TTY
www.cdc.gov/std

