



CHLAMYDIA

What is Chlamydia?

Chlamydia is a bacterial STD (sexually transmitted disease). If left untreated, Chlamydia can damage the reproductive organs in both males and females and cause sterility. It is the most common STD reported in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control there are more than a million reported cases in the United States.

Chlamydia is spread from person to person during vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

How can you prevent Chlamydia?

The best way to prevent Chlamydia is by not having sex. If you do choose to have sex, only do so with one uninfected partner who only has sex with you. Latex condoms can reduce the chance of spread of Chlamydia.

Sexually active individuals, especially those who have sex with multiple partners should be tested regularly for Chlamydia.

What are the signs and symptoms of Chlamydia?

Generally Chlamydia does not have signs or symptoms. About 75% of women and approximately 50% of males have no symptoms. Symptoms that do occur generally appear 1-4 weeks after becoming infected.

Symptoms may include discharge from the penis or vagina, burning or pain when urinating, having to go to the bathroom more often. Men may experience swollen or tender testicles. Women may bleed between periods or after sex or have lower abdominal pain with fever or nausea.

For more information,

For information on the Sedgwick County Health Department call 660-7300. Or visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

How is Chlamydia diagnosed?

Chlamydia is diagnosed by laboratory test only. Some tests involve getting a sample from the cervix or penis to be tested for the bacteria. A urine test can also tell if you have the bacteria. A Pap test does not test for Chlamydia.

Where can you be tested for Chlamydia?

You can be tested for Chlamydia by your health care provider. The Sedgwick County Health Department also offers testing at their Clinic site: 2716 W Central, Wichita, 67203. Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm; Wednesday 10:00am to 7:00pm; Thursday 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Please call for an appointment.

What is the cost for testing/treatment?

The cost for services at the Sedgwick County Health Department is on a sliding fee scale based on income. The Health Department also has a voucher system set up for those without income.



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