

STD Facts

Chancroid (caused by *Haemophilus ducreyi*, a bacteria)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Chancroid Symptoms:

- Begin 4 -10 days after exposure
- Painful and draining open sores in the genital area
- Painful, swollen lymph nodes in the groin

TRANSMISSION

Chancroid is Spread by:

- Vaginal sex
- Oral sex
- Anal sex
- Skin to skin contact with infected lesion or sores

COMPLICATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

If Left Untreated, Chancroid Can:

- Cause destruction of foreskin tissue on penis
- Open sores can become infected with other germs

PREVENTION

Recommendations to Reduce the Spread of Chancroid:

- Genital ulcer diseases can occur in genital areas that are covered or protected by a latex condom. They can also occur in areas that are not covered or protected. Latex condoms, when used consistently and correctly, can reduce the risk of chancroid only when the infected areas are covered or protected by the condom.
- Always use latex condoms during vaginal and anal sex
- Use a latex condom for oral sex on a penis
- Use a latex barrier for oral sex on a vagina or anus (dental dam or condom cut in half)
- Limit the number of sex partners
- Get a test from a doctor or other medical provider if infection is suspected
- Notify sex partners immediately if infected
- Infected sex partners should be tested and treated

TREATMENT

Treatment of Chancroid:

- Chancroid can be cured
- Requires medication prescribed by doctor
- Treat partners at same time

NOTE: A person can be reinfected after treatment.

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