

*If you think  
you may be  
infected . . .*

**GET TESTED!**

If you do not have a local  
doctor, where can you go  
for help?

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**(In English, and  
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**STDs**  
SEXUALLY  
TRANSMITTED  
DISEASES

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Facts*  
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# STDs

## What you need to know:

In the United States, more than 65 million people are infected with an incurable sexually transmitted disease, or STD.

An additional 19 million people are diagnosed with some form of a sexually transmitted disease every year.

💡 STD risks include:

- Having more than one sexual partner
- Having unprotected vaginal, anal, or oral sex
- Engaging in sexual activity while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Having sexual intercourse before the age of 18
- Drug use with unclean needles

💡 Once called venereal diseases, STDs are among the most common infectious diseases in the United States today.

💡 When diagnosed and treated early, many (but not all) STDs can be treated effectively.

## How can you protect yourself?

💡 Anyone who has a close relationship with an infected person can contract a Sexually Transmitted Disease, or STD.

💡 STDs can be acquired through unprotected close contact with an infected partner through oral, anal or vaginal sex.

💡 STD infections affect men and women of all backgrounds, regardless of race, color or economic levels.

💡 The highest rate of STDs is found among teenagers and young adults.

💡 Half of all new STD infections occur in people younger than 25 years of age.

💡 The incidence of STDs is rising, partly because, in the last few decades, young people have become sexually active earlier yet are marrying later.

💡 Sexually active people who have multiple sex partners during their lives are potentially at risk for developing one or more STD.

💡 Experts believe that having STDs other than AIDS can increase one's risk for becoming infected with AIDS, if exposed to the virus.

## More than 20 STDs have now been identified.

Some of the most commonly recognized diseases include:

- 💡 HIV / AIDS
- 💡 Syphilis
- 💡 Gonorrhea (Clap)
- 💡 HPV(Human Papillomavirus)
- 💡 Genital Herpes
- 💡 Hepatitis B
- 💡 Trichomoniasis
- 💡 Bacterial Vaginosis (BV)
- 💡 Chancroid
- 💡 Chlamydia
- 💡 Pubic Lice (Crabs)
- 💡 Scabies

*If you think you don't have to protect yourself from STDs, you are wrong . . .*

*And you could be **dead** wrong.*

*Remember . . .*  
**All STDs are preventable,  
if the right precautions  
are taken.**