

## **WOMEN'S MEDICAL CONCERNS**

Testing for sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs) after forced oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse is essential. You may have an STD and not have any symptoms. An examination should include checking for AIDS and the following diseases:

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Symptoms in WOMEN</b>
<b>Gonorrhea</b> Symptoms –2-21- days	If women do have symptoms, they include unusual vaginal discharge, low backache. Two rare symptoms are mild irritation, burning pain, blood, or pus in rectal area. A sore throat with a fever is rare. Untreated may lead to pelvic infection and sterility.
<b>Syphilis</b> Symptoms– Stage 1: 9-90 days Stage 2: 2-20 months Stage 3: Stage 4:	First sign is crusted open sore called a chancre. Second stage a rash may appear in the mouth. Loss of hair. During third stage, “latent.” In last stage, one may develop serious heart disease, blindness, or insanity. If left untreated, it may be fatal.
<b>Genital Warts</b> Symptoms –2 weeks or months -years later. Second most prevalent STD	In some cases, it is difficult to know. They may be found on the inside of the vagina or on the cervix or in the anus. Usually flesh –colored and painless. <u>Rare</u> symptoms are itching, pain, or bleeding. They may be white, pink, or brown.
<b>Crabs (Pubic Lice)</b> Symptoms –4-5 weeks later	Small bugs about the size of a freckle. Tiny insects that live in the pubic hair. Itching in pubic area. Crusty rash may develop.
<b>Herpes</b> Symptoms –2-20 days	People may have symptoms before the sore is visible. This may include achy and flu-like, tingling or burning sensation in area where sore will appear later. Rash may appear, which in a day or so turns into a fluid-like blister. Outbreak usually lasts two weeks.
<b>Trichomoniasis</b> Symptoms –1-4 weeks	Smelly green, yellow, or white discharge. Itching in the vagina. Burning during urination.
<b>Yeast Infection</b> Symptoms –onset varies	Vaginal discharge that looks like cottage cheese. Itching and redness of vaginal area. Painful intercourse.
<b>Chlamydia</b> Symptoms –7-31 days	Symptoms may not be present. When present, symptoms include vaginal itching or discharge, chronic abdominal pain, bleeding between menstrual periods, low-grade fever pain during intercourse.
<b>AIDS</b> Symptoms –Several months to years	Unexplained flue-like symptoms. Weight loss. Diarrhea. White spots in mouth (thrush). Purple bumps on the skin, inside the mouth, nose, or rectum.