

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection caused by bacteria that can spread throughout the body. Syphilis can cause long term health problems if left untreated.

Transmission

- Spread through contact with syphilis sore (chancre) during vaginal, anal, or oral sex.
- Sores can be found on the penis, vagina, rectum &/or on the lips & mouth.
 Sometimes you may not even see or feel the sores since they are painless.



Symptoms

Individuals with syphilis often do not notice symptoms until the infection has progressed

- Sore
- Rash
- Fever
- Swollen lymph glands
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

Prevention

- Use a condom every time you have sex
- Limit your sex partners
- Get tested regularly

Treatment

Syphilis can be treated and cured with antibiotics



For more information, please visit CDC.gov/std/syphilis or talk with your local healthcare provider.











