Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Cheat Sheet

Everything you need to know, all in one place

STIs are on the rise, with young adults having the highest frequency of risk.

Unprotected sex includes behaviors such as oral, vaginal, and anal sex.

Symptom locations and testing methods are dependent on the types of sex you are having.

Barrier methods (internal/external condoms) are a fantastic tool to protect you and your partner(s) from STIs. You can also discuss status with potential partners and get tested regularly. Take PrEP to prevent HIV.

Most STIs don't show symptoms, or have symptoms that are difficult to recognize as STIs. The only true way to know your STI status is to get tested.



For more information from the CDC

Chlamydia & Gonorrhea	 transmission: unprotected oral, anal, and vaginal sex (fluid transfer) symptoms: most do not show symptoms; burning urination, discharge, pain and swelling in affected area long term: scarring, sterility, inflammatory disease treatment: curable with antibiotics; pills / injections (dual treatment for gonorrhea) test: urine test or self-collected swab test of throat, vagina, penis, or anus 	
Genital HPV	 transmission: skin to skin genital contact symptoms: mostly asymptomatic; genital warts, abnormal cellular growths long term: some growths can advance to cancers (cervical, throat, anal) treatment: warts can be removed, most disappear on their own; may reappear, surgery to remove cancerous tissue test: visual, annual pap smears, (starting at age 21). No test for male-bodied people. 	
Hepatitis B	 transmission: unprotected oral, anal, or vaginal sex; blood-to-blood contact symptoms: liver difficulties; indigestion, diarrhea, vomiting, disorientation, jaundice, dark urine, joint pain long term: rare (10% in adults), but can cause liver scarring, cancer, and potential need for transplant treatment: bedrest, hydration, antiviral medication test: blood test 	
Herpes (HSV 1 & 2)	 transmission: saliva or skin-to-skin contact symptoms: blisters/sores on mouth (HSV 1); thighs, genitals, or anus (HSV2) long term: same symptoms, but severity depends on individual treatment: suppressive medications to reduce severity or number of outbreaks test: visual, swab from sore, or blood test 	
HIV	 transmission: blood, semen, vaginal fluids, anal secretions, breast milk symptoms: fever, fatigue, nausea long term: weakened immune system; certain types of infections, rare forms of cancer treatment: antiretroviral therapy (ART), incurable but easily treated test: finger stick or blood draw 	
Syphilis	 transmission: unprotected oral, anal, and vaginal sex. direct skin to skin contact with sore symptoms: primary: painless sore on genitals, mouth, or rectum; secondary: rash on hands/feet long term: brain damage, nerve damage, can be fatal treatment: curable with antibiotics, but long-term damage can be irreversible if left untreated test: swab of sore, blood test 	
Trichomoniasis (Trich)	 transmission: skin-to-skin genital contact, unprotected vaginal sex/vagina-to-vagina sex symptoms: itching/irritation in genitals, abnormal discharge, discomfort during urination long term: premature birth, increased risk for other STIs treatment: oral medication test: healthcare provider-ordered lab test (no test for male-bodied people) 	

STI Testing Cheat Sheet

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- -This list contains places you can go to get tested for STIs; cost dependent on the program.
- -Please check in with these sites specifically to see when walk-ins are available, or if you need to make an appointment.
- -All of these locations have free condoms available.
- -Any STI testing under the age of 13 must have parental consent; Child Protective Services reports may be made regarding sexual behavior under the age of 13.



Linktree for more information

	Tests for:	Contact Info:
	(* = can provide treatment)	(websites in QR code)
Indiana Family Planning Center	By appt only Chlamydia* Gonorrhea* Syphilis HIV Trich* HSV (swab only)*	 639 S Walker St, Ste A Bloomington, IN 47403 812-668-2028
Planned Parenthood	 Chlamydia* Gonorrhea* Syphilis* HIV HPV* Herpes* Trich* 	 421 S College Ave Bloomington, IN 47403 800-769-0045
Positive Link	 HIV* Hepatitis B Hepatitis C* Chlamydia* Gonorrhea* Syphilis 	 333 E Miller Dr Bloomington IN 47401 hivtesting@iuhealth.org 812-353-3169
Southern Indiana Physicians: Riley	 Chlamydia* Gonorrhea* Syphilis* HIV Herpes* Trich* 	 615 S Clarizz Blvd Bloomington IN 47401 812-333-2304 4935 W Arlington Rd Bloomington IN 47404 812-353-3800 350 S Landmark Bloomington IN 47403 812-332-9874
PACE Bedford	ChlamydiaGonorrheaSyphilisHIV	 2119 16th St Bedford, IN 47421 812-675-0247