

Reduce your risk of getting syphilis



It's possible to get syphilis and not know it.

Syphilis is treatable with antibiotics.

Congenital syphilis can have major health impacts on your baby.

The only way to completely avoid sexually transmitted infections, including syphilis, is to not have vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

If you are sexually active, you can do the following things to lower your chances of getting syphilis:

- Be in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested for syphilis and does not have syphilis.
- Use condoms the right way every time you have sex. Condoms prevent the spread of syphilis by preventing contact with sores. Sometimes sores occur in areas not covered by a condom.
- Get tested for syphilis. If you test positive for syphilis, you and your partner(s) will need treatment right away. Follow-up with your healthcare provider to make sure your treatment is successful.



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