

# Talk with your provider about syphilis testing



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.

*In Illinois, your provider is REQUIRED by law to test you for syphilis at your first prenatal visit and again in your third trimester.*

**At your first healthcare visit, ask your provider about getting tested for syphilis.**

At this visit, you can discuss:

- Any new or unusual physical symptoms
- Any drugs or medicines you are using
- New or multiple sex partners
- The risk for syphilis in your community

If you test positive for syphilis, you will need treatment right away. It is also important that your sex partner(s) get treated. Follow-up with your healthcare provider to make sure your treatment was successful.



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