



Are you sexually active and...

...25 years old or younger?

...have had a new sex partner or
multiple partners in the last year?

...has your partner had other
partners in the last year?

If you answered yes to any of the
above, then **YOU SHOULD BE
TESTED FOR CHLAMYDIA!**

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Chlamydia [kla-MID-ee-ya] is a common sexually transmitted infection especially among people 25 years and younger or those who have had multiple partners. Left untreated, chlamydia **can cause infertility, infection of newborn babies, and many other serious problems.**

Chlamydia symptoms:

- Men...burning during urination, discharge from the penis, testicle pain
- Women...vaginal discharge, burning during urination, abdominal pain, pain during sex, bleeding between periods

But...often chlamydia has NO symptoms. In some communities, 1 out of 20 young people may have chlamydia - and many of these people don't know they have it. In New Mexico alone, more than 7400 infections of chlamydia were reported in 2003.

Talk to your clinician about getting tested for chlamydia.

When can you get a chlamydia test?

- When a woman is having her yearly female examination or Pap smear
- During an examination of the male organs
- On a urine sample at any time - as long as you have not urinated for 1-2 hours before the sample is taken
- At least once during pregnancy

What happens if your test is positive?

Chlamydia is completely curable. If testing shows that you have chlamydia, your clinician can give you medications that cure the infection. Your clinician will also help you make sure your partner(s) get treated so you don't get the infection from them again.

If you think you might be at risk for chlamydia, ask your clinician whether you should **GET THE TEST TODAY!**

For more information...

Call the CDC National STD and AIDS Hotline 1-800-227-8922