



LETS YARN ABOUT SYPHILIS

What is it?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that is passed on through any type of unprotected sexual act (including oral sex, anal sex, and acts using your hands) and kissing.



It may have no symptoms and is easily passed on.





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Who's at risk?

Any sexually active person can get syphilis through unprotected sex.

At the moment we are seeing an increase of cases in **young people** aged between 15 - 29 in WA.

Syphilis can also be given to **bub** during pregnancy. 🍼





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What does testing look like?

Syphilis is detected through a
blood test or a **swab test** of a sore.

If you're in regional WA you could have access to a

finger prick blood test

which finds results in just 15 minutes.



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How do I know if i have it?

Signs of syphilis can include **sores** on your genitals and/or mouth, or a **rash** on your palms, feet, or body.



But a lot of people have **no symptoms**, so it's important to **get tested regularly**.

Syphilis symptoms often disappear, but the infection remains. In order to go away, syphilis must be treated by a medical professional.





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What does treatment look like?

The good news is that syphilis is very **treatable** and can be treated with a doctor visit.



Treatment is usually a dose of penicillin.

If you're allergic to penicillin the doctor will prescribe you something else.

Syphilis is **easier to treat the quicker you catch it.**





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How do I tell my partner?

As syphilis is highly contagious if you test positive its important to **tell your previous partners** straight away.

If you don't feel comfortable telling your partner directly you can **ask the clinic where you were tested** to notify them or you can send an **anonymous text message** from websites like;

www.thedramadownunder.info/
www.bettertoknow.org.au
www.letthemknow.org.au





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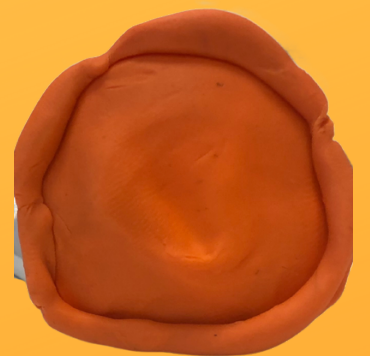
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How can I protect myself and others?

The best way to prevent the spread of syphilis is by **practicing safe sex**: using barrier methods like condoms, dental dams, internal condoms, and gloves. **Getting tested** every 3 months and staying on top of your sexual health also reduces your risk.

Ask for a syphilis test

at your GP or sexual health clinic.























Where can I get tested in Perth?



Youth-Friendly Sexual Health Services in the Perth Metro Area (March 2020)



All services listed here are located in the Perth metropolitan area, are youth-friendly and offer services for Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus (SHBBV) issues. Use the key on the left side of the page to identify which organisations can offer the kind of support you are looking for.

-  STI/BBV Testing & Treatment
-  Contraception
-  Cervical Screening
-  Termination Support
-  LGBTIQ+ Specialist
-  Transgender Specialist
-  Workforce Development
-  Wheelchair Accessible
-  Needle & Syringe Exchange
-  Drop-in Available
-  Appointment Available
-  Free or bulkbilling
-  Medicare not required
-  Peer-to-Peer Support
-  Youth Workshops
-  General Support & Information
-  Counselling
-  CaLD Specialist
-  ATSI Specialist
-  Pregnancy Support

Central Services					
Sexual Health Quarters	WA AIDS Council	Peer Based Harm Reduction WA	Hepatitis WA	Magenta	Royal Perth Hospital: Sexual Health Clinic
70 Roe St, Northbridge 08 9227 6177 08 9227 6871 (fax) info@shq.org.au www.shq.org.au Mon-Wed: 8.30am-5pm Thurs: 8.30am-8pm Fri: 8.30am-5pm ALL AGES	664 Murray St, West Perth 08 9482 0000 (Metro) 1800 671 130 (Country) waac@waacids.com www.waacids.com Mon-Fri: 9am-4.30pm ALL AGES	Suite 21 & 22, 7 Aberdeen St, Perth 08 9325 8387 08 9325 6512 info@harmreductionwa.org www.harmreductionwa.org Opening Hours Mon, Wed, Fri: 10am - 5pm Thu: 10am - 8pm Sat-Sun: 1pm - 4pm ALL AGES	134 Aberdeen St, Northbridge 08 9227 9800 info@hepatitiswa.com.au www.hepatitiswa.com.au Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm ALL AGES 18+ for HepC Treatment	170 Aberdeen St, Northbridge 08 9328 1387 admin@magenta.org.au www.magenta.org.au Mon-Fri: 9.30am-5pm 16+ years old	Level 4, Ainslie House 48 Murray St, Perth 08 9224 2178 08 9224 3557 Mon-Fri: 8.30am-3.30pm 16+ yrs old
Women's Health & Family Services	M Clinic	PrEP Clinic: LinQ Medical	Multicultural Services Centre of WA	Transfolk of WA	Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service East Perth
227 Newcastle St, Northbridge 08 6330 5400 08 6330 5499 clinic@whfs.org.au www.whfs.org.au Mon, Tues & Thurs: 8.30am-4.30pm Wed: 8.30am-5.30pm Fri: 8.30am-3pm ALL AGES	548 Newcastle St, West Perth 08 9227 0734 08 9227 0736 info@mclinic.org.au www.mclinic.org.au Monday: 1pm - 6pm Tuesday: 9.30am - 4pm Wednesday: 1.30pm - 8pm Thursday: 2pm - 8pm Friday: 10am - 4pm 16+ years old	548 Newcastle St, West Perth 08 9227 0734 08 9227 0736 info@mclinic.org.au www.mclinic.org.au Monday: 2pm - 6pm Tuesday: 4pm - 8pm Wednesday: 9.30am - 12.30pm 16+ years old	20 View St, North Perth 08 9328 2699 08 9227 7638 admin@mscwa.com.au www.mscwa.com.au Mon-Fri: 8.30am-4.30pm ALL AGES	0450 448 871 email@transfolkofwa.org 24 hours, 7 days a week	156 Wittenoon St, East Perth 08 9421 3801 08 9421 3883 Mon-Fri: 8.30am-7pm Sat: 9am-12.30pm ALL AGES

This resource is updated annually, and is current as of March 2020. If you would like to make changes for the next update, contact us at yep@yacwa.org.au

For more services check out our referral guide
theyeproject.org.au/resources/referral-resource-2020/