

## S.T.A.H.L. NEWS

STUDENTS TALKING ABOUT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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# How do I know if I have an STI?

(Sexually Transmitted Infection)

Many people think they would know if they had a sexually transmitted infection (STI). The truth is many STIs have no signs or symptoms or they have mild signs that can be easily overlooked. The only way to know if you have an STI is to get tested.

Anyone who is sexually active can get an STI. If you've had unprotected sex, have a new partner (or more than one partner), or for any reason are worried you have been exposed to an STI,

### **GET TESTED!**

#### GONORRHEA

- Can infect the genitals, rectum and throat
- Transmitted by vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who has gonorrhea
- Symptoms can include burning with urination, unusual discharge, or anal burning or itching
- Testing requires a urine sample or a swab from affected area.
- Treatment consists of antibiotics

## Chlamydia

- Can damage a woman's reproductive system and cause infertility
- Transmitted by having vaginal, anal or oral sex with someone who has Chlamydia
- Symptoms can include burning with urination, unusual or smelly discharge, pain in testicles
- Testing requires a urine sample or a swab from affected area
- Treatment consists of antibiotics

#### **IUP Health Service**

offers STI Testing
M-Th 8:30-4:00
F 10-4:00
\$25 lab fee will be billed to your IUP student account as a "Wellness Visit"

#### Tests available

Chlamydia Gonorrhea Syphilis HIV

Results typically in 4-5 days

## **Syphilis**

- Transmitted by direct contact with a Syphilitic sore
- Develops in stages
- 1st stage appears as sores where the syphilis entered your body
- 2nd stage appears as a rash on your hands or feet, can have fever, sore throat, muscle pain weakness or unusual vaginal/penile discharge
- 3rd (Latent) no symptoms
- 4th (Tertiary) occurs over time if not treated for syphilis -damage to internal organs can occur
- Without treatment, can spread to your brain, nervous system, eyes or ears
- Testing requires a blood sample
- Treatment consist of antibiotics

Walk in Gonorrhea/Chlamydia Screening
The 1st Wednesday of the month 8:30-3:00
—only \$10

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