# Sexually Transmitted Infection

**Bacterial Infections** 

## Let's remember that these are infections just like any other infection your body!

You must be aware if something does not seem right in your body! GET TESTED! KNOW YOUR STATUS!

#### **Syphilis**

- Passed from person to person through direct contact
- Most people don't show signs or symptoms for years
- Treated with penicillin or other antibiotics

#### Syphilis Stage 1

- Marked by the appearance of a single sore (chancre). Many sores go unnoticed
- Last 3-6 weeks and will heal without treatment BUT
  - Without adequate treatment advances to stage 2



### Stage 2 (Secondary)

- Skin rash and lesions characterize the secondary stage
- Fever, swollen glands, sore throat, weight loss, hair loss, aches, fatigue, also may occur
- Will heal without treatment, but will advance to late stage





#### Stage 3 (late stage)

- Begins when stage 2 symptoms end
- Infections remain in the body
- Damages internal organs- brain, nerves, eyes, heart, liver, bones and joints
- Symptoms include paralysis, numbness, gradual blindness, dementia, even death

#### Chlamydia

- Caused by bacteria
- Can damage a woman's reproductive organs= infertility
- Discharge from penis or cervix
- Burning during urination
- Most frequently occurring bacterial
   STI in America



#### Chlamydia

- Transmitted through vaginal, anal or oral sex
- "Silent disease"- ¾ of all infected women and ½ all of men show no symptoms
- 40% of all untreated women will experience Pelvic Inflammatory Disease. This can cause permanent damage of the fallopian tubes, uterus and surrounding tissues
- Can be cured with antibiotics

#### **Inflamed Cervix**



#### Gonorrhea

- Caused by bacteria
- Spread through contact with the penis, vagina, mouth or anus



#### Signs/Symptoms

- A burning sensation when urinating or a white, yellow, or green discharge from the penis
- Sometimes men with gonorrhea get swollen or painful testicles
- Initial symptoms and signs in women include a painful or burning sensation when urinating, increased vaginal discharge, or vaginal bleeding between periods

#### **Treatment of Gonorrhea**

- Antibiotics can cure gonorrhea
- Untreated gonorrhea can spread to blood or joints. This can be life threatening
- Gonorrhea can also cause blindness in newborns if it is passed from mother to baby

#### Pubic Lice (Crabs)

- Symptoms include itching and redness around the pubic region
- Medicine can kill the lice, but they can come back if clothes, sheets and towels are not washed to get rid of them



#### Scenarios!