

NGU

(also called non-gonococcal urethritis and non-specific urethritis)

NGU is a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) caused by bacteria such as chlamydia, mycoplasma, or trichomonas. NGU is passed from one person to another during vaginal, anal, and oral sex.

How is NGU spread?

The bacteria that cause NGU are passed from one person to another during vaginal, anal, and oral sex.

What do I look for?

Men:

- Discharge from the urethra. This may be very mild and will go away after a few days even without treatment. You are still infected.
- Pain or itching inside the penis.
- A burning feeling or pain with urination.

Is NGU serious?

Occasionally, NGU may cause an infection of the testicles (balls) in men. If the NGU bacteria are passed to a female partner, it could lead to a serious infection called pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). PID can damage the fallopian tubes and make a woman more likely to have a “tubal pregnancy” (outside the uterus), which can be fatal. PID can also lead to infertility—the inability to get pregnant.

What will happen if I have NGU?

- You will be given antibiotic medicine once we are sure you have an infection. We will check any discharge and also check your urine. It's important to finish your medication to completely kill the bacteria. The antibiotics we use to treat NGU effectively treat chlamydia. If your urine test is positive for mycoplasma genitalium (M. gen), you will need to return to the clinic for an additional antibiotic.
- Your sex partners should be tested and treated based on the results of their tests. If they aren't treated, they could give the infection back to you, or infect others.
- Don't have sex for one (1) full week after you start your medication. Don't have sex with your partner while you are both taking your medicine.
- Even if your tests are negative, it doesn't mean that you didn't have anything. There are several different causes of NGU, some that we do not test for.
- If your symptoms do not go away, return to the clinic for a further check-up. You may have been infected with trichomonas. Your female sex partner(s) should be examined.

How do I avoid getting NGU?

- Plan ahead! Protect yourself!
- If you're thinking of having sex with a new partner:
 - Talk about STDs.
 - Talk about having safer sex with male or female condoms

If you contracted NGU from anal sex, and you do not know the HIV status of that sexual partner, you should be concerned about your increased risk of HIV. Talk to your clinician.

For more information:

Please talk with your City Clinic clinician or your own health care provider. The following websites also offer helpful information:

General STD

www.ashsexualhealth.org (also in Espanol)

www.cdc.gov/std/

www.sfcityclinic.org

www.sfsi.org/

Contraception and STD/sex info

www.bedsider.org

Teens

www.iwannaknow.org

www.amplifyyourvoice.org (also in Espanol)

www.kidshealth.org/teen (also in Espanol)

www.scarleteen.com

For a STD check-up or treatment,
see your doctor, local clinic, or come to:



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