

Mucopurulent Cervicitis (MPC)

MPC is an infection or inflammation of the cervix. It may or may not be due to a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

- If your clinician diagnoses MPC, you will be tested for chlamydia, trichomonas, mycoplasma and gonorrhea. MPC also may be caused by other organisms for which your clinician may provide treatment.
- Some people diagnosed with MPC do not actually have an infection, but show signs and/or symptoms that may look like one.

What are the symptoms of MPC?

Some people may notice unusual vaginal discharge, bleeding in between periods or bleeding after sex.

- Your clinician may offer you treatment for chlamydia and/or gonorrhea before your test results come back.
- Your sex partner(s) should have an STI check-up and may also need treatment.

If it is caused by gonorrhea, chlamydia or mycoplasma, yes. These infections can cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), a serious infection that can damage the fallopian tubes and make someone more likely to have a “tubal pregnancy” (outside the uterus) which can be fatal. PID may even permanently affect a person’s ability to get pregnant.

- Condoms are effective in reducing the risk of infection.
- Do not have sex if you or a sexual partner has symptoms of an STI, including discharge, burning with urination, rash, or genital sores.



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For an STI check-up or treatment,
see your health care provider, local clinic, or come to:

City Clinic
356 7th Street
(between Folsom and Harrison) San Francisco, CA 94103
(628) 217-6600
www.sfcityclinic.org

For more information:

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

General STI

www.ashasexualhealth.org (also in Español)

www.cdc.gov/std/

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

www.sfsi.org/

Teens

www.iwannaknow.org

www.sfcityclinc.org

www.scarleteen.com

Contraception and STI/sex info

www.bedsider.org

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