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What is it?

- Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by a bacteria.
- It is also known as the dose, clap or drip.

Signs and Symptoms

- Symptoms may take 2 to 7 days to appear.
- Many people do not get symptoms, and if they do, the symptoms can appear and disappear
- **Women:**
 - Increased vaginal discharge
 - Pain on urination
 - Pain or bleeding during or after sex
 - Abnormal vaginal bleeding
 - Pain in lower abdomen (stomach)
- **Men:**
 - Yellowish-green discharge from the penis
 - Pain when passing urine, or passing urine more often
 - Tingling or itching inside of penis
 - Pain in testicles

How do you get it?

- It is spread from one person to another through vaginal, anal and oral sex.

Treatment

- Gonorrhea is treated with specific antibiotics.

Complications

- If not treated:
- **In women:**
 - Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID): an infection in the fallopian tubes and ovaries
 - Infertility (unable to get pregnant) or ectopic pregnancy (tubal pregnancy)
 - Babies born to infected women could have severe eye, ear or lung infections.
- **In men:**
 - The infection can spread to the testicles and prostate gland and may cause infertility.

Prevention

- Always use a condom, even if you are using other methods to prevent pregnancy.

Gonorrhea is a reportable disease and must be reported to the Local Medical Officer of Health under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.