

Congenital Syphilis

What you need to know



Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

Anyone who has sex—vaginal, anal or oral—can get it.

It can be hard to tell if you have syphilis.

The only way to know for sure is to get tested.



If you test positive, get treated right away.

Treatment is usually 1 dose of antibiotics.

Your sex partners should get treated, too.



A pregnant person can give syphilis to their baby.

Syphilis in a baby is called congenital syphilis.



Babies born with syphilis must be treated in a hospital right away.



As soon as you know you're pregnant, go to a healthcare provider.

They will test you for syphilis.

If you test positive, they will treat you.

Getting treated can prevent you from giving syphilis to your baby.