

Evaluating Patients for Syphilis

When to test.

Test people exposed to syphilis or who have symptoms, like:

- Ulcerative or wart-like lesions in or around the mouth, anus, penis, vulva or vagina.
- Body rash.
- Palmar or plantar rash.
- Patchy alopecia.

Test, up to every 3 months, sexually active people with any of these risk factors:

- Injects drugs.
- Smokes drugs that can be injected.
- Uses methamphetamine or non-prescription opioids.
- Living homeless or unstably housed.
- Exchanges sex for money, drugs or housing.
- Incarcerated in the past 2 years.

If a person has any of these risk factors, also test for HIV, hepatitis C, gonorrhea and chlamydia

Report within 3 days.

Visit tpchd.org/notifiable for the report form. Fill it out and fax it to (253) 649-1389.

Also report HIV, hepatitis C, chlamydia and gonorrhea within 3 days.

We're here to consult.

For syphilis consultation, call:

- Emily Gregersen at (253) 649-1724.
- LaShawn Hemingway at (253) 649-1719.

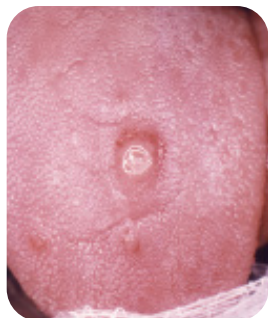
Treat when you test.

If a person was exposed to syphilis or has symptoms, treat them at the same time you test them.

What it can look like.



Primary stage sore on penis.



Primary stage sore on tongue.



Primary stage sore inside vagina opening.



Secondary stage palmar rash.



Secondary stage syphilis rash on back.

How to treat.

	No penicillin allergy	Allergic to penicillin*
Exposed to syphilis	Benzathine penicillin G 2.4mu IM once	Doxycycline 100mg twice daily for 14 days
Primary or secondary syphilis	Benzathine penicillin G 2.4mu IM once	Doxycycline 100mg twice daily for 14 days
Early latent syphilis	Benzathine penicillin G 2.4mu IM once	Doxycycline 100mg twice daily for 14 days
Late latent or unknown duration	Benzathine penicillin G 2.4mu IM weekly for 3 weeks	Doxycycline 100mg twice daily for 28 days

***Benzathine penicillin G is the only treatment for pregnant people.**
If allergic, desensitize and treat with benzathine penicillin G.

