

PID Fact Sheet

PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease) is an infection of the female upper genital tract caused by bacteria (commonly Chlamydia Trachomatis or Neisseria gonorrhoeae) that ascends from the cervix or vagina to the reproductive organs.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- PID symptoms in women range from mild unrecognized to severe (causing hospitalization).

Signs include:

- Abnormal vaginal discharge
- Burning sensation when urinating
- Lower abdominal pain
- Low back pain
- Nausea and/or fever
- Pain during intercourse
- Bleeding between menstrual periods
- Pain in the right upper abdomen

TRANSMISSION

Various organisms (commonly bacteria associated with Chlamydia and Gonorrhea) move upward from a woman's vagina or cervix into her reproductive organs.

COMPLICATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

If untreated PID may result in:

- Damage to the reproductive organs including the fallopian tubes and tissues in and near the uterus and ovaries
- Infertility
- Ectopic (tubal) pregnancy
- Abscess formation
- Chronic pelvic pain

TREATMENT

Treatment should include medication (antibiotics) prescribed by a healthcare professional and taken completely.

PREVENTION

- Abstain from sexual contact
- Early treatment of any STDs
- Appropriate use of latex condoms consistently and correctly during vaginal, anal, and oral sex on a penis
- Appropriate use of latex barrier for oral sex on a vagina or anus
- Avoidance of sexual contact with a partner until treatment is completed
- Appropriate treatment of partner

Recommendations for prohibiting the spread of infection:

En caso de estar infectado(a), discontinuar el contacto sexual si aparecen signos o síntomas

- Discontinue sexual contact if signs or symptoms occur
- Screening test during pregnancy
- Annual screening for all sexually active women 25 years of age and younger
- Notify all recent sex partners if infected

Contact Information:

For more information pertaining to Florida clinical services, sites, and treatment recommendations please visit us on the web at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/std/clinical/clinical.html or email us at: HSD_STD@doh.state.fl.us.

National STD Hotline

1-800-227-8922 (24 hrs, 7 days a week)

Spanish

1-800-344-7432 (8am-2pm EST, 7 days a week)

Hearing Impaired

1-800-243-7889 (10am-10pm EST, Mon.-Fri.)