

WHAT ARE STIs?

The Overview

Sexually transmitted infections, or STIs, are bacterial or viral infections that are transmitted, or spread, by sexual contact. This includes vaginal, anal, and oral sexual contact. Some STIs can also be transmitted from mother to child during pregnancy, childbirth, or breastfeeding.

Interesting Facts

- More than 1 million STIs are acquired, or contracted, every day worldwide
- Most STI cases are asymptomatic, meaning they do not have symptoms
- 4 STIs are curable: chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and trichomoniasis
- STIs have a direct effect on sexual and reproductive health
- Human papillomavirus, or HPV, has been associated with over 300,000 cervical cancer deaths each year