

Self-treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Will Not Help You. See Your Doctor.

Avoid unprotected sexual intercourse to avoid transmitting the infection further and *visit a specialist or a clinic* as soon as possible – women should visit a gynecologist while men should visit dermatovenerology. Your medical condition is protected by mandatory medical confidentiality. Some of the symptoms subside without treatment, but the illness persists.

We recommend that you ask for *HIV and syphilis testing* whenever you contract a sexually transmitted disease, after unprotected risky sexual contact, after sharing a needle and syringe, or after sharing a drug solution. These tests are done 3 months after high-risk intercourse for HIV infection and in 5 to 6 weeks for syphilis. HIV infection, viral hepatitis, syphilis, and other sexually transmitted diseases can only be detected by laboratory blood tests in the asymptomatic period. *Treatment should begin as soon as possible.*



If you aren't experiencing any symptoms, this does not necessarily mean you have not been infected.