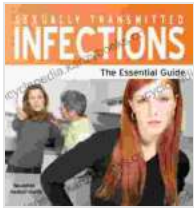


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Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are a major public health concern, affecting millions of people worldwide. They are caused by bacteria, viruses, or parasites that can be transmitted through sexual contact. STIs can cause a wide range of symptoms, from mild to severe, and can have serious health consequences if left untreated.

This guide provides essential information about STIs, including:

- Symptoms
- Transmission
- Diagnosis
- Treatment

- Prevention

Symptoms

The symptoms of STIs can vary depending on the type of infection. Some common symptoms include:

- Genital itching or burning
- Painful urination
- Discharge from the penis or vagina
- Sores or blisters on the genitals, anus, or mouth
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Fever
- Chills

It is important to note that not all STIs cause symptoms. Some people may have an STI without knowing it.

Transmission

STIs can be transmitted through vaginal, anal, or oral sex. They can also be transmitted through sharing sex toys. The risk of transmission is highest during unprotected sex.

Some STIs can also be transmitted from mother to child during pregnancy or childbirth. This is known as congenital STI.

Diagnosis

STIs can be diagnosed through a variety of tests, including:

- Physical examination
- Blood test
- Urine test
- Swab test

It is important to see a doctor if you think you may have an STI. Early diagnosis and treatment can help to prevent serious health consequences.

Treatment

The treatment for STIs depends on the type of infection. Some STIs can be cured with antibiotics, while others can only be managed. Treatment options include:

- Antibiotics
- Antiviral medications
- Surgery
- Lifestyle changes

It is important to follow your doctor's instructions for treatment. Taking medication as prescribed and completing the full course of treatment is essential to prevent the infection from coming back.

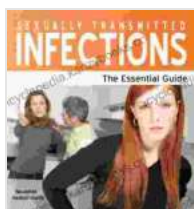
Prevention

The best way to prevent STIs is to avoid sexual contact with someone who has an infection. However, there are other things you can do to reduce your

risk, including:

- Using condoms every time you have sex
- Getting vaccinated against HPV and hepatitis B
- Talking to your partner about STIs and getting tested together
- Limiting your number of sexual partners
- Avoiding alcohol and drug use, which can impair judgment and lead to risky sexual behavior

STIs are a serious public health concern, but they can be prevented and treated. By following these tips, you can protect yourself from STIs and their associated health consequences.



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