



## ***STI/STD Facts***

### **Gonorrhea**

75% occurs in 15- to 29-year-olds; highest rates in females aged 15-19 years and males aged 20-24 years<sup>1</sup>

75-80% females lack symptoms<sup>2</sup>

Symptoms of urethral infection include burning sensation when urinating and yellowish white discharge from penis, rectum, or vagina

### **Chlamydia**

Of all cases in females, half occur in 15- to 19- year-olds<sup>3</sup>

Three-fourths of females and one-half of males have no symptoms<sup>4</sup>

One-third of infected females may have symptoms such as inflammation of the cervix, abnormal vaginal discharge, burning sensation when urinating, and lower abdominal pain<sup>4</sup>

Urethral infections in males may cause discharge from the penis and a burning sensation when urinating<sup>4</sup>

### **Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)**

An infection (and resulting scars) of the internal female genital organs and tissues that either  
–ascends through the cervix, through the tubes, into the abdomen or  
–occurs secondary to injury to or rupture of the intestine

Gonorrhea and chlamydia account for 1/4 to 3/4 cases of acute PID in young women<sup>5</sup>

### **Syphilis**

Syphilis has many stages: primary and secondary (P&S), latent, and tertiary

Bacteria enter body through minute abrasions in skin<sup>6</sup>

Transmitted through contact with moist lesions, especially during sexual activity<sup>6</sup>

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### **Herpes**

Almost all infections acquired from 15-44 years of age<sup>7</sup>

Transmission occurs frequently even in absence of visible lesions<sup>8</sup>

Small blisters, skin ulcers in genital area, and difficulty in urination in both males and females<sup>9</sup>

### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**

A group of viruses that cause genital warts and genital cancer, especially cervical cancer

~ 5.5 million new infections each year<sup>10</sup>

Both high-risk and low-risk can be spread by genital contact or skin-to-skin contact<sup>11,12</sup>

Most infected people (>90%) clear the virus within two years<sup>13</sup>

### **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)** **Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**

Approximately 900,000 living with HIV in the U.S.<sup>14,15</sup>

HIV infection leads to Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

A quarter of persons living with HIV are unaware that they are infected<sup>16</sup>

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