

VENEREAL LYMPHOGRANULOMA



Venereal lymphogranuloma (or VLG) is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by the L1-L3 variety of the *Chlamydia trachomatis* bacteria.



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TRANSMISSION

It can be contracted through anal or vaginal and –more seldom–oral sex without a condom with an infected person. Most cases of VLG in Europe occur in gay, bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (MSM) and who do not use suitable measures of prevention.



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SYMPTOMS

VLG may not generate any symptoms. When there are any, the most common are pain in the rectum, faeces with blood or rectal bleeding and constipation or the sensation of not emptying the intestine. A small odourless pustule may appear in the rectum or vulva area and subsequently become an ulcer.

There may also rectal or penile discharge.

These symptoms may appear alongside general discomfort, chills, fever, muscular or joint pain.



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DIAGNOSIS

Diagnosis will require a sample from the rectal, urethral, vaginal zone, from the ulcer or ganglia.

In gay, bisexual and other MSM men diagnosed with proctitis (inflammation of the lining of the rectum) by chlamydia, the presence of VLG should be ruled out.



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TREATMENT

The infection is cured with an antibiotic. Treatment does not provide lifetime protection and it is therefore possible to contract the infection again.



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PREVENTION

Use of a condom reduces the risk of infection in vaginal, anal or oral sex. If sex toys are shared, a new condom should be used for each person and each sexual practice. Sex should be avoided until the treatment is complete and the symptoms disappear.

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