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Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by bacteria

How is it transmitted?

- During anal, vaginal or oral **sex without a condom**.
- The bacteria that cause the disease **can be passed on from mother to child during pregnancy or childbirth**.

What are the symptoms?

- **Depending on the stage** of the infection, the following symptoms may appear:
 - **Ulcers**
 - **Skin rashes**
 - **Swollen glands**
- **Serious neurological or heart problems can occur many years after infection.**

Syphilis may present no symptoms, so if you have sex without a condom, you should get tested.

How is it diagnosed?

Through a blood test (or a rapid test if you have not had syphilis before).

How is it treated?

It is cured with antibiotics. These, however, do not provide lifelong protection, so you can become infected again.

How to prevent it

Using a condom reduces the risk but is not completely risk-free. Abstaining from sex is recommended until treatment is complete and the symptoms disappear.

Remember to check your genitals and those of your sexual partners for any signs of a possible STI. If you have any suspicions, consult your doctor.