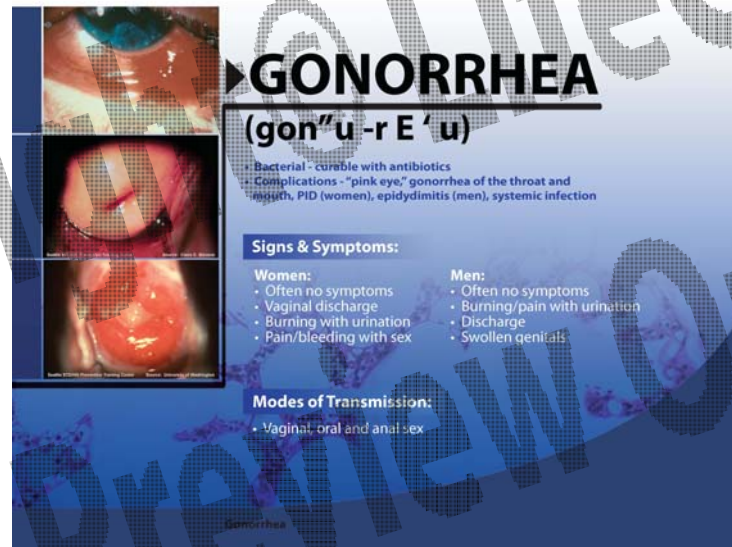


## Gonorrhea

1. As shown in the 1st picture, gonorrhea can show up as “pink eye” when infected fluids come in contact with the eyes. It can also grow in the throat and mouth, causing sore throat and swallowing difficulty.
2. In rare cases, gonorrhea can enter the blood stream and spread throughout the body causing fever, rash, joint pain and swelling.
3. 2nd picture: A healthy cervix (the opening to the uterus).
4. 3rd picture: Gonorrhea of the cervix.



**GONORRHEA**  
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- Bacterial - curable with antibiotics
- Complications - "pink eye," gonorrhea of the throat and mouth, PID (women), epididymitis (men), systemic infection

**Signs & Symptoms:**

<b>Women:</b>	<b>Men:</b>
• Often no symptoms	• Often no symptoms
• Vaginal discharge	• Burning/pain with urination
• Burning with urination	• Discharge
• Pain/bleeding with sex	• Swollen genitals

**Modes of Transmission:**

- Vaginal, oral and anal sex

The infographic includes three small images: the top one shows a person's eye with a pinkish-red discharge (conjunctivitis), the middle one shows a healthy cervix, and the bottom one shows a cervix with a thick, yellowish discharge (gonorrhea).

5. Have you ever seen a cervix? This is another reason this disease is so dangerous. The symptoms may hide, leading to untreated gonorrhea. Untreated gonorrhea can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease in women or epididymitis in men, which may cause irreversible damage.
6. **How can you reduce your risk of contracting gonorrhea?** Even if condoms are used every time, they will only reduce your risk by up to 50%. *Postponing sexual activity until marriage with an uninfected mate and remaining faithful to that one partner is the only way to be 100 percent confident of avoiding sexually transmitted infections.*