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Health and Family Life

Sexually Transmitted Diseases or Infections

WHAT IS AN STD OR STI?

- A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE OR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION IS A DISEASE THAT CAN BE SPREAD BY THREE MAIN AREAS:
 - 1. Body fluids
 - 2. Skin to skin contact
 - 3. Parasite migration
- An STI is a communicable disease that can be transmitted, in most cases, through sexual contact.
- Not all STIs are transmitted sexually.

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- A **Communicable disease** can spread from one person to another. Communicable diseases include colds, flu, pinkeye (conjunctivitis) and strep throat.
- Pathogens are organisms that cause communicable diseases. Viruses, bacteria, and fungi are pathogens that can cause illnesses. These can multiply or grow in large numbers within a particular place in the body that can lead to an **infection**.

Four Common STIs

- Four common STIs are: A.I.D.S., Gonorrhoea, Chlamydia and Herpes.
- A.I.D.S. or Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome- is a disease that attacks the Immune System of humans.

- Gonorrhoea- is caused by a bacteria and affects the urethra, rectum or throat.
- Herpes- is a virus. Herpes Simplex 1 causes blisters around mouth and lips. Herpes Simplex 2 causes blisters around genitals and rectum.
- Chlamydia-is caused by a bacteria.

Treatment

There are many other STIs that can affect people.

People can seek treatment via antibiotics in pill form or injection. Once successfully treated, the person poses no problem of passing it along. There are exceptions such as A.I.D.S. which is passed through sexual contact.

People living with STIs should not be scorned at, but treated humanely.

Choose the correct response.

1. Organisms that cause communicable diseases. E.G. viruses, bacteria, and fungi.

2. Can spread from one person to another, include colds, flu, pinkeye (conjunctivitis) and strep throat.

3. A disease caused by a bacteria. _____

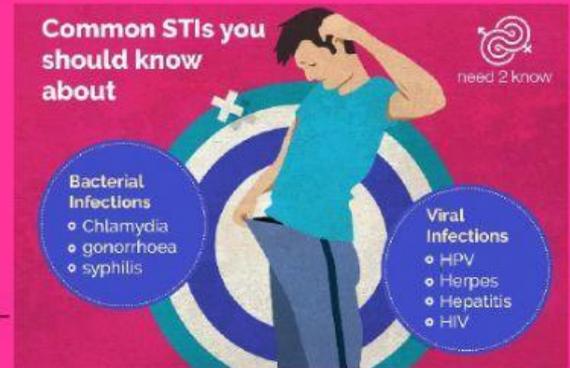
4. A disease caused by a bacteria and affects the urethra, rectum or throat.

5. A virus that causes blisters around mouth and lips.

6. A disease that attacks the Immune System of humans.

Answer the questions.

7. What does STD stands for?



8. How can STDs be spread.

9. Name two common STIs.
