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What is Gonorrhea? Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease that can infect both men and women. It is a very common infection, especially among young people.

Many people with gonorrhea don't have symptoms. Why does this matter? Because an untreated infection can lead to serious and permanent health problems, even if you *never* have symptoms. Fortunately, gonorrhea is curable with antibiotic treatment. Just make sure you take all of your medicine exactly as instructed.

Two treatment options:

1. Ceftriaxone

- Ceftriaxone is the preferred treatment for gonorrhea infection.
- Ceftriaxone is administered by a single injection given in the office.

It is important not to have sex for seven days after treatment, as you can continue to spread the infection during this time.

2. Cefixime

- Cefixime is a single-dose oral antibiotic that can be administered in our office.

It is important not to have sex for seven days after this treatment, as you can continue to spread the infection during this time.

Tell your partner: Your partner may also be infected and not know it. They need to get tested and be treated. Left untreated, gonorrhea can cause serious health problems, especially in women. Also, without treatment, your partner might pass the STD back to you.

You should not have sex until one week passes after both you and your partner have completed treatment. It is possible to be infected with gonorrhea more than once, and the most common reason for this is failure to treat sexual partners.

Get retested: It's common to get infected with gonorrhea again. Even if you and your partner took medicine, you should be retested in **3 months**.