

# Mycoplasma Genitalium

Mycoplasma genitalium (M. genitalium) is a sexually transmitted bacteria.

## Signs and Symptoms

People with M. genitalium often do not experience any symptoms.

Symptoms that may occur in women:

- Burning sensation when urinating
- Vaginal itching
- Painful intercourse
- Abnormal vaginal discharge
- Abnormal bleeding between periods
- Abdominal pain

Symptoms that may occur in men:

- Burning or painful sensation when urinating
- Inflammation or redness of the penis and foreskin
- Inflammation of the lining of the rectum
- Abnormal discharge

Symptoms typically appear within 1-3 weeks after being infected

## Transmission

- M. genitalium is caught from sex with an infected person
- Genital-to-genital contact

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[kingcounty.gov/stdfacts](http://kingcounty.gov/stdfacts)

for info on getting tested and treated  
[kingcounty.gov/stdtesting](http://kingcounty.gov/stdtesting)

## Prevention

- Use condoms/ barriers consistently and correctly
- Abstain from sexual intercourse until treatment is complete
- Get an infected partner tested and treated

## Treatment

- Seek medical care to discuss testing and treatment
- Treatment may include antibiotics

## If Not Treated

- Increases your risk for pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)
- Increases your risk for Epididymitis (inflammation of the epididymis)
- If someone has other STD's such as HIV, M. genitalium can make it more likely to pass on other infections.

## If You Have M. genitalium

- Seek medical care
- Take medication as instructed by a medical professional
- Refrain from intercourse until you and your partner have completed treatment
- Speak to a provider if you've used macrolide-based antibiotics previously to treat infections. This may impact the drugs effectiveness to treat M. genitalium.

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