

# Did you know gonorrhea can spread through the body?

## What is Disseminated Gonorrhea Infection (DGI)?

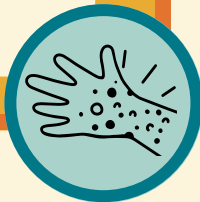
Gonorrhea is an infection you can get from having unprotected sex. You can have gonorrhea even if you feel fine.

Without treatment, gonorrhea can spread through the body, causing disseminated gonorrhea infection, also known as DGI.



DGI can cause:

- joint pain or redness or swelling
- fevers
- rash of red or pink spots that may become filled with clear fluid or pus
- serious infections of the blood or heart valves
- serious infections of nervous system including meningitis



Call your doctor if you have DGI symptoms, have had sex without a condom, or want an STI test

While DGI poses significant health risks, it can be avoided by testing for and treating gonorrhea



To learn more about DGI and where to get tested, visit the [CDPH webpage](#)