



# Antibiotic-Resistant Gonorrhea

## WHAT IS GONORRHEA?

Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that can affect the genitals, rectum, and throat.

Gonorrhea is one of the most common STIs in the U.S. and often has no symptoms.

## WHAT IS ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT GONORRHEA?

Drug resistance happens when bacteria develop the ability to avoid, resist, and even defeat the drugs we have to kill them.

Over time, the bacteria that cause gonorrhea has grown resistant to nearly every drug we've ever used to treat it.

**It's only a matter of time before gonorrhea becomes resistant to the last available cure.**

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR PARTNERS?

- If you are sexually active, talk to your health care provider about getting tested for gonorrhea and other STIs.
- Get tested if any of your sexual partners have been diagnosed with gonorrhea, as you could be infected and have no symptoms.
- If you have gonorrhea, notify any partners from the past 60 days so they can see a health care provider and be treated if needed.
  - To notify your partners anonymously, visit [Tell Your Partner](#).

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

**Learn more about antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea:** [Antibiotic Resistant Gonorrhea Center of Excellence](#)

**See screening recommendations for gonorrhea and where to get tested:** [California STI Screening Recommendations](#)

**Check out the** [CDC Drug-Resistant Gonorrhea page](#).



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**Number of gonorrhea cases in CA (2021)**

Gonorrhea infection rates are increasing in California – the number of cases of gonorrhea reported over the last ten years has risen 169%. Teenagers and young adults have the highest rates of infections.

Due to systemic racism\* and health inequities, people of color experience more infections.

\*Systemic racism refers to a type of racism built into society's systems and structures, such as laws, policies, and institutions. This type of racism can be difficult to recognize and address because it is ingrained in our society.

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