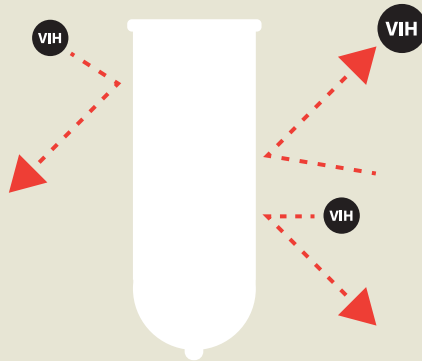


SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIS)

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are diseases that can be passed from one person to another through sexual relations (including oral sex)



1 How can STIs be prevented?

Most can be prevented **using a condom during sex**. The genital zone should also be kept clean and dry.



3 Can an STI be cured?

Yes. Nearly all STIs can be cured if they are detected in time. Most are treated **with antibiotics**.



2 What symptoms may STIs cause?

Very often they do not produce any visible sign. When there are symptoms, the most common are:

- Changes in the smell, thickness, colour of discharges (vaginal discharge, semen, urine) or the appearance of unusual liquids.
- Lesions on the skin of the genitals (ulcers, warts, etc.).
- Burning, itching or pain in the genitals.
- Discomfort when urinating.
- Discomfort during sex.

4 What should I do if I think I have an STI?

The best thing to do if you notice any of these symptoms is to **visit the doctor** to be diagnosed.