WHAT IS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs)

- STDs are diseases that are spread from person to person through intimate sexual contact.
- Also called <u>venereal diseases (VD)</u> or reproductive tract infections (RTI).

TYPES OF STDs

BACTERIAL	VIRAL
CHLAMYDIA	HPV (GENITICAL WARTS)
GONORRHEA	HEPATITIS-B
SYPHILIS	HERPES
	AIDS

BACTERIAL STDs

GONORRHEA

- Caused by a bacteria Neisseria gonorrhoeae.
- Gonorrhea is treatable.
- The main treatment for this disease is antibiotics

CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA

Transmission

- Direct mucous membrane contact with the germ during
- o sexual contact.
- Using condoms and
- o dental dams lowers chance of transmission.

Testing

- Culture sample (can be done during pap smear)
- Urine sample

GONORRHEA

Etiology and Pathophysiology:-

- 2nd most frequently reported STD in US
- Caused by Neustria gonorrhea
- Gram-negative bacteria
- Direct physical contact with infected host
- Killed by drying, heating, or washing with antiseptic
- Incubation: 3-8 days

CLINICAL MANIFESTATION OF GONORRHEA

In Men

- Initial site of infection is urethra
- Symptoms
- Develop 2 to 5 days after infection
- Dysuria
- Profuse, purulent urethral discharge
- Unusual to be asymptomatic

CLINICAL MANIFESTATION OF GONORRHEA

In Women

- Mostly asymptomatic or have minor symptoms
- Vaginal discharge
- Dysuria
- Frequency of urination
- After incubation
- Redness and swelling occur at site of contact.

In women

- Greenish, yellow purulent exudate often develops
- May develop abscess
- Transmission more efficient from men to women.

Anorectal gonorrhea

- Usually from anal intercourse
- Soreness, itching, and anal discharge
- Orogenital
- Gonoccocal pharyngitis can develop

COMPLICATION

In Men

- Include prostatitis, urethral strictures, and sterility
- Often seek treatment early so less likely to
- o develop complications

In Women

- Include pelvic inflammatory disease (PID),
- Bartholin's abscess, ectopic pregnancy, and
- o infertility
- Usually asymptomatic so seldom seek treatment
- o until complication are present

GONORRHEA DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES

- History and physical examination
- Laboratory tests
- Gram-stained smear to identify organism
- Culture of discharge
- Nucleic acid amplification test
- Testing for other STDs

TREATMENT & NURSING CARE OF GONORRHEA

Drug therapy

- Treatment generally instituted without culture results
- Treatment in early stage is curative

Most common

- IM dose of ceftriaxone (Rocephin)
- All sexual contacts of patients must be evaluated and treated
- Patient should be counseled to abstain from sexual intercourse and alcohol during treatment
- Reexamine if symptoms persist after treatment

SYPHILIS

- Caused by bacteria known as Treponema palladium.
- ➤ Syphilis is treatable.
- It is treated with antibiotics usually penicillin.

SYPHILIS

- Caused by Treponema pallidum
- Spirochete bacterium
- Enters the body through breaks in skin or mucous membranes
- Destroyed by drying, heating or washing
- May also spread via contact with lesions and sharing of needles

ETIOLOGY AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF SYPHILIS

- Incubation 10 to 90 days
- Spread in utero after 10th week of pregnancy
- Infected mother has a greater risk of a stillbirth or having a baby who dies shortly after birth Association with HIV.
- Syphilitic lesions on the genitals enhance HIV transmission.
- Evaluation includes testing for HIV with patient's Consent.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATION

Primary stage

- Painless indurate lesions
- Occur 10 to 90 days after inoculation
- Lasting 3 to 6 weeks

Secondary stage

- Systemic
- Begins a few weeks after chancres
- Blood-borne bacteria spread to all major organ systems
- Flu-like symptoms

- Bilateral symmetric rash
- Mucous patches
- Condylomata lata

Latent or hidden stage

- Immune system is suppressing infection
- No signs/symptoms at this time
- Diagnosed by positive specific treponema antibody test for syphilis with normal cerebrospinal fluid

Tertiary or late stage :-

- Manifestations rare
- Significant morbidity/mortality rates
- Gummas
- Cardiovascular system
- Neurosyphilis

COMPLICATIONS

- Occur mostly in late syphilis
- Irreparable damage to bone, liver, or skin from gummas.
- Pain from pressure on structures such as intercostal nerves by aneurysms
- Scarring of aortic valve
- Neurosyphilis
- Tabes dorsalis
- Sudden attacks of pain
- Loss of vision and sense of position

DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES

- History including sexual history
- o PE
- Examine lesions
- Note signs/symptoms
- Dark-field microscopy
- Serologic testing
- Testing for other STDs

TREATMENT AND NURSING CARE

Drug therapy

- Benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin)
- Aqueous procaine penicillin G
- Monitor neurosyphilis
- Confidential counseling and HIV testing
- Case finding
- Surveillance

EG! WIRAL STDs healthy

AIDS

- ➤ Aids is caused by HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
- Aids is one of the most deadly diseases in history.
- This disease is not treatable.
- HIV destroys the immune system.

HOW DO YOU GET HIV?

➤HIV can be transmitted from an infected person to another person through blood, used syringes ,breast milk and during sex with infected person.

AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNITY DEFICIENCY SYNDROME)

- HIV is NOT the same as having AIDS, it is only the virus that causes AIDS.
- Currently there is NO cure but drug therapies "show great promise in managing HIV infection".
- "HIV infected people are healthy and do not realize they have been infected. HIV primarily infects certain white blood cells that manage the operation of the immune system.

- Eventually, the virus can disable the immune system, leaving the person with HIV infection vulnerable to a number of life-threatening illnesses.
- People who have HIV infection may not have symptoms for many years, especially if they receive good medical care and effective therapies" (American College Health Association [ACHA], 2001).

- "When symptoms do develop, they are usually similar at first to those of common minor illnesses, such as the "flu", except that they last longer and are more severe.
- Persistent tiredness, unexplained fevers, recurring night sweats, prolonged enlargement of the lymph nodes, and weight loss are all common.

- People with HIV infection can transmit the virus to others - even if they have no symptoms and even if they do not know they have been infected.
- o HIV can be transmitted
- (1) by sexual contact(anal, vaginal, & oral);

- o (2) by direct exposure to infected blood; and
- (3) from an HIVinfected woman to her fetus during pregnancy

or childbirth, or to her infant during breastfeeding" (ACHA, 2001).

PREVENTION

- "Make careful choices about sexual activity,
- Communicate assertively with your sexual partner
 And negotiate for safer sexual practices,
- Remove alcohol and drugs from sexual activity,"
 And
- "Use latex condoms for intercourse" (ACHA, 2001).