SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
Chapter 16 Section 1

PUBIC LICE
- An external parasite that infests the pubic region
- Symptoms include itching and discomfort
- Caused by close physical contact with infected person or infected bedding or clothing
- Treatment: special shampoos, washing all clothing and bedding

CHLAMYDIA
- Caused by bacteria
- Most men and women have no symptoms "Silent"
- Symptoms include unusual discharge from penis or vagina, burning when urinating
- Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex
- Treatment: antibiotics
- Untreated: permanent damage to reproductive system and sterility
## Gonorrhea
- Caused by bacteria
- Symptoms include unusual discharge from penis or vagina, burning during urination, abdominal pain and cramps
- In many cases there are no symptoms **“Silent”**
- Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex
- Treatment: antibiotics

## Syphilis
- Caused by bacteria
- Symptoms include painless reddish brown sores that appear on the genital area called "chancres"
- Later rashes, swollen joints, fever, and hair loss symptoms may appear
- Latent Stage – No symptoms for years
- Untreated: brain damage, heart disease, blindness, and possible death
- Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex
- Treatment: antibiotics

## Genital Herpes
- Caused by a virus
- Symptoms include small painful blisters on sex organs that break into open sores
- May have no symptoms
- Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex
- Treatment: NO cure. Symptoms may be treated with medication
- May be spread without the presence of any visible symptoms
HPV, GENITAL WARTS

• Caused by a virus
• Small painless cauliflower-like bumps on sex organs and anus that can multiply quickly
• May not have any symptoms or visible warts
• Spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex
• Treatment: NO cure. Can be treated with creams, lasers, burning or freezing in a doctor’s office
• Vaccine

HEPATITIS B

• Caused by a virus
• Symptoms include tiredness, jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), dark urine, nausea and cramps
• Many people have no symptoms
• Spread through unprotected sex and needle sharing
• Treatment: NO cure, but HBV vaccine can prevent infection

HIV

Human Immunodeficiency Virus

• Caused by a virus
• Damages the body’s immune system so it can no longer fight certain infections and cancers
• Symptoms include tiredness, fever, night sweats, weight loss, swollen glands and diarrhea
• Spread through vaginal, anal and oral sex, needle sharing, mother to baby during pregnancy, birth and breast feeding
• Treatment: NO cure, but there are treatments that can help people with HIV stay healthy longer