



Trichomoniasis

What is Trichomoniasis (Trike)?

Trichomoniasis is a common sexually transmitted infection (STI) usually caused by having unprotected sex (sex without a condom) with a person who is infected.

Trichomoniasis can affect both men and women and can occur in the penis or vagina.

What are the symptoms?

Many people will not have any symptoms. They may think (wrongly) that they are OK. But they can still get health problems and still pass the infection on.

Women may have a vaginal discharge which may be yellow-green and frothy. They may also have irritation in vagina, discomfort during intercourse or pain when peeing.

Men can have an irritation inside the penis, a slight discharge and burning sensation when peeing.

What other problems can it cause?

Trichomoniasis during pregnancy may lead to a low birth weight baby or the baby being borne premature.

What tests do you do?

In women swabs are taken from the vagina. In men a swab from the end of the penis is taken if they have a discharge or they can do a urine test.

What is the Treatment?

Usually, treatment is with a single dose of antibiotic tablets

Further fact sheets are available at:

http://www.nt.gov.au/health/cdc/fact_sheets/fact.shtml

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