



Syphilis is on the rise in SA

**Syphilis is a
sexually transmitted infection (STI).
It can be spread during any type of
sexual activity with a person who
has the infection.**

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Why should I care?

Syphilis can cause serious health problems if left untreated. It can damage the brain, vision, heart, bones and more.

It can also be passed on to a baby during pregnancy. This can cause miscarriage, birth defects, early birth and infant death.

How do I know if I have it?

Symptoms such as a sore or body rash can come and go but syphilis will still be causing harm to the body.

**The only way to know is to get tested.
A syphilis test is a blood test.**

Who needs a test?



Anyone who has had sex without a condom.

Anyone who is pregnant.

Anyone who has been diagnosed with another STI or their partner has been diagnosed with an STI.

What do I do if I have it?

Get treatment straight away. Your health worker can help you with the next steps.

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