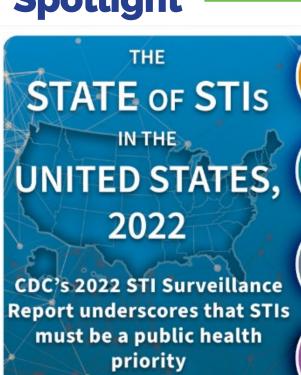
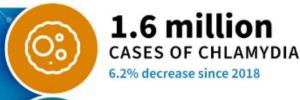
Viral Hepatitis Newsletter

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Spotlight





648,056 CASES OF GONORRHEA 11% increase since 2018

EARN MORE AT: www.cdc.gov/std/

207,255 CASES OF SYPHILIS 80% increase since 2018

3,755 CASES OF SYPHILIS AMONG NEWBORNS 183% increase since 2018

STI Awareness Month

STI Awareness Month helps raise awareness about sexually transmitted infections and the impact they have on our lives. This April take time to learn about STIs and recognize the importance of making STIs a public health priority. STIs show no signs of slowing down and anyone who is sexually active can get a STI.

To learn more: CLICK THIS LINK

Hepatitis Basics

3 steps to prevent STIs

Learn this three step process to prevent STIs. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's "Talk. Test. Treat." campaign serves to help individuals and healthcare providers take three action steps to help prevent the spread of STIs.







Work with your doctor for treatment if tested positive.

To learn more: CLICK THIS LINK

Sex positive conversations

Sexual health is an important part of overall health. According to the World Health Organization, access to goodquality information about sex, knowledge about the risks, access to sexual healthcare, and living in an environment that affirms and promotes sexual health is important to achieving sexual health and well being.

To learn more: CLICK THIS LINK



Language check

It is important to use intentional language when talking about sexually transmitted infections.

- Try to avoid stigmatizing language like CLEAN and DIRTY
- When talking about STIs, do so in a way that helps people learn. Knowing how common and curable/treatable STIs are can help decrease the stigma around them.

Is Hepatitis B a STI?

Hepatitis B is a sexually transmitted infection. Hepatitis B is serious liver infection caused by the

Hepatitis B virus. Hepatitis B is transmitted through infected blood and certain body fluids. Transmission can happen through:

- Sexual contact
- Sharing needles and other drug-use equipment Sharing personal care items (such as razors or
- toothbrushes or anything that can come in contact with blood) During pregnancy and child birth

To learn more: CLICK THIS LINK

Is Hepatitis C a STI?

Hepatitis C is not classified as a sexually transmitted infection.

Hepatitis C is passed through blood-to-blood contact. Research shows that a small number of people do get Hepatitis C when blood-to-blood contact happens during sex.

Reduce the probability of blood-to-blood contact during sex by using condoms and proper lubrication.

To learn more: CLICK THIS LINK

Educational Resources

Hepatitis C ECHO trainings Extension for Community Healthcare Outcome

(ECHO) is a collaborative program that uses technology to provide case-based learning to improve access to high-quality treatment for Hepatitis B and C. On the web-based platform, participants share

knowledge with others, connect to specialists, and participate in discussions. Medical experts provide recommendations to enhance the mastery of topics.

The Hepatitis C ECHO meets online on the first and third Thursdays of month from 12:30-2 p.m.

CLICK THIS LINK

To register for the Hepatitis C ECHO:

Indiana Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program

IN-HAMP

(IN-HAMP) is a medical education training program for clinicians who are new to treating Hepatitis C. The IN-HAMP program includes two, 1.5-hour long

Hepatitis C ECHO sessions. Cycle one is training and preparation for clinicians who treat individuals living with Hepatitis C, while cycle two covers advanced topics in Hepatitis C care. If you are a clinician and interested in learning

more about IN-HAMP, email inhamp@iu.edu or enroll in cycle one and cycle two. The next cycle one training is Thursday, September 5. To register, CLICK THIS LINK.

If you attended IN-HAMP cycle one training and are interested in joining cycle two training, please email jennwatk@iu.edu.

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