

**What You Can  
Get if Your  
Partner is  
Infected**

**KNOWN RISKS**

**POSSIBLE  
RISKS**

**UNKNOWN**

Giving oral sex to a penis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia</li> <li>• Gonorrhea</li> <li>• Hepatitis A*</li> <li>• Herpes (RARE)</li> <li>• HPV (warts)</li> <li>• Shigella*</li> <li>• Syphilis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis B</li> <li>• HIV**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis C</li> </ul>
Receiving oral sex on a penis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia</li> <li>• Gonorrhea</li> <li>• NGU</li> <li>• Herpes</li> <li>• Syphilis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HPV</li> </ul>
Give/receive oral sex - vulva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herpes (more likely for receiver)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HPV</li> <li>• Syphilis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia</li> <li>• Gonorrhea</li> </ul>
Anal sex (penis/anus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia</li> <li>• Crabs/Scabies</li> <li>• Gonorrhea</li> <li>• Hepatitis B</li> <li>• Herpes</li> <li>• HIV</li> <li>• HPV (warts)</li> <li>• NGU (of the penis)</li> <li>• Syphilis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis C</li> </ul>
Penis in vagina sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia</li> <li>• Crabs/Scabies</li> <li>• Gonorrhea</li> <li>• Hepatitis B</li> <li>• Herpes</li> <li>• HIV</li> <li>• HPV (warts)</li> <li>• NGU</li> <li>• Syphilis</li> <li>• Trichomoniasis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis C</li> </ul>
Oral-anal contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amebiasis</li> <li>• Cryptosporidium</li> <li>• Giardia</li> <li>• Hepatitis A</li> <li>• Shigella</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HPV</li> </ul>

*\*You could be at risk if the receiver has just topped someone else.*

*\*\* Very low risk.*

*\*\*\* Unprotected anal sex is a very high risk activity for a bottom, much more so than for a top. The risk of HIV transmission to a bottom during unprotected anal sex is 15 in 1,000 versus 3 in 10,000 from a bottom to a top.*

- *Kissing, mutual masturbation, and frottage or dry humping are considered safer sex activities, with little to no risk of STD transmission.*
- *Using latex condoms (internal or external) significantly reduces the risk of contracting STDs during anal, vaginal and oral sex.*
- *Washing hands and the genital area thoroughly before and after oral-anal sex reduces the risk of transmission of most of the listed STDs and conditions. Condom use reduces transmission risk even further.*

*Adapted from: JizLee.com, via SF City Clinic, via Pink & White Productions. Updates from: Wall Street Journal "Throat Cancer Linked to Virus" and Salon.com "How Risky is Oral Sex?"*

Lesser-known terms defined:

**Non-Gonococcal Urethritis (NGU)** Also called non-specific urethritis, this is an infection in the penile urethra caused by bacteria such as chlamydia, mycoplasma, ureaplasma or trichomoniasis. NGU is passed from one person to another during anal, vaginal and possibly oral sex.

**Shigella** This is a bacterial infection that causes serious stomach cramps and diarrhea. Shigella can easily be spread from one person to another through rimming (oral-anal contact) and from oral contact with contaminated skin including skin in the groin area, the testicles and the penis. Shigella can also be spread via fecally contaminated food and water.

**Trichomoniasis** Also known as trich, this is an infection caused by a protozoa that is passed from person to person during vaginal sex. Symptoms include a yellow-green or gray bubbly fluid coming from the vagina that often has an unpleasant odor and is itchy.

**Vaginitis** Vaginitis is a name for swelling, itching, burning or infection in the vaginal area that can be caused by several different germs. The most common kinds of vaginitis are bacterial vaginosis (b.v.) and yeast, a fungus

**Amebiasis** Amebiasis is a disease caused by a one-celled parasite called *Entamoeba histolytica*. It is contracted by putting anything into your mouth that has touched the stool of a person who is infected with *E. histolytica*. On average, about one in 10 people who are infected with *E. histolytica* become sick from the infection. The symptoms often are quite mild and can include loose stools, stomach pain, and stomach cramping.