Most sexually transmitted diseases can be treated with minimal discomfort to you and your partner. A good way to help prevent the spread of STD's is to limit your sexual partners and to use a condom. Knowing the facts and taking care of yourself can help keep STD's under control.

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The Jefferson County Public Health's STD clinic is able to test for and treat most sexually transmitted diseases. The clinic's caring and professional nurses can answer questions you may have about STD's and provide you with education and counseling regarding treatment and/or preventive measures.

Lakewood Clinic

260 South Kipling Street
Lakewood, CO 80226
303-239-7078

Arvada Clinic

6303 Wadsworth Blvd.
Arvada, CO 80003
303-275-7500

Call **303-239-7036** for information.

Sliding Scale Fee is based according to your income.

Some Common STD's

Chlamydia

Chlamydia is one of the most common STD's in the United States. It is also easily spread and if left untreated, can cause serious health risks. Chlamydia is a germ that most commonly infects the cervix and may spread to the uterus and fallopian tubes. The disease is passed through sex, including oral sex. Chlamydia often occurs with other STD's and thus when you are tested for Chlamydia , you may want to be tested for other STD's. Symptoms of chlamydia can include vaginal or penis discharge and/or itching, burning and irritation. However, the infection often occurs with little or no symptoms. Chlamydia can be treated with antibiotics.

Gonorrhea

Gonorrhea is a very common STD that is easily spread and often occurs along with chlamydia or other STD's. If left untreated gonorrhea can cause serious health risks. Gonorrhea is a germ that most commonly grows in the cervix area. The germ can also infect the rectum, vagina, urinary tract, mouth or throat through sex, including oral sex. Like chlamydia, symptoms of gonorrhea can include vaginal or penis discharge and/or itching, burning and irritation when first infected. Gonorrhea may produce little or no symptoms in women. Gonorrhea can be treated with antibiotics.

HIV/AIDS

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus which can cause AIDS (Acquired immunodeficiency Syndrome). AIDS is a serious disease that is caused when HIV damages a part of the body's immune system (its natural defenses). This makes it hard for the body to fight off diseases. All persons infected with the virus (even if they are healthy) can give the virus to others through **unprotected sex** or **shared needles**.

Genital Herpes

Genital Herpes is an STD that is caused by a virus that produces sores and blisters around the sex organs. It is passed through direct contact with active sores, frequently during sexual activity. About 90% of people with herpes have recurrent infections. Although there is no cure for genital herpes, there is medicine available to help control the course of the disease and may prevent recurring outbreaks.

Genital Warts

Genital Warts is caused by a virus called human papillojmavirus (HPV) and is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases. Genital Warts may appear on the outside or inside of the genital area and can spread to nearby skin or to a sexual partner. There are several treatments for warts. It is possible for you to have the HPV virus with out having genital warts. Some types of this virus have been linked to cervical cancer. It is very important to have regular Pap tests to check on any changes that might be occurring. If you have warts avoid having sex until they are treated.

HIV/AIDS Counseling & Testing

If you have ever had a sexually transmitted disease, you may be at risk for HIV infection. It is a good idea to be tested. JCPH offers confidential HIV counseling and testing at our Lakewood and Arvada.

For appointments call:
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Lakewood
or
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Arvada