

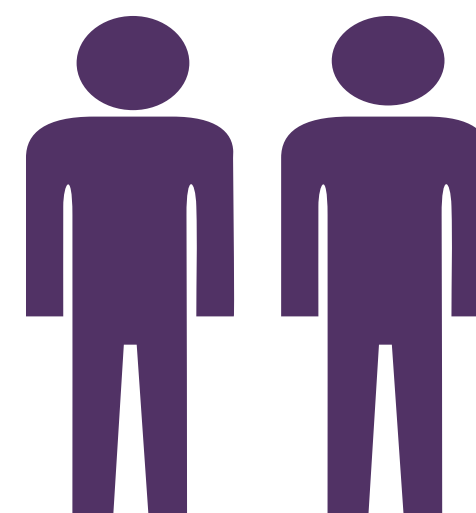
Syphilis

What's the deal?

Every 4 days,
another male
Sailor is diagnosed
with syphilis

Some Signs:

Painless genital sore
Rash on palms & soles
General body rash
Sores in the mouth
Patchy hair loss



Men who have sex with men
are at highest risk
of getting syphilis.

Men and women who have
unprotected sex can also
get syphilis.

What can I do?

Rx

Get a quick blood test
right away if you think you
might have syphilis

- OR -

if a partner tells you they
had syphilis: even if you
feel well

Condoms used correctly
and every time
greatly reduce your risk.



Just pulling out,
or just asking your partner if
they have syphilis
are **NOT** safe strategies.



Ask for a syphilis test
every year if you are
a man who has sex with men,
or if you have
sex without a condom
with casual partners.

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