

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Topic: Sharing Your STI Status

Partner 1: Hey, I just had my physical and want to share something with you. I always get tested for STIs, and my doctor just told me I have one.

Partner 2: An STI? Are you sure?

Partner 1: I'm sure. The results came back yesterday, and I have chlamydia. I wanted to let you know right away because you might want to get tested too.

Partner 2: I haven't noticed any symptoms or anything unusual.

Partner 1: I said the same thing to my doctor. They said it's pretty common for people to not have symptoms right away or ever.

Partner 2: But we've always been careful, haven't we? How could this happen?

Partner 1: Maybe from my last partner? We used protection most of the time, but not all the time. And STIs are very common — most people will get one at some point.

Partner 2: Now I'm worried.

Partner 1: You don't need to stress too much. You can easily treat chlamydia with simple antibiotics.

Partner 2: OK, that's a relief. And, thanks for being honest... I'm going to get tested tomorrow, and treated, if needed.

Partner 1: Awesome. Just one more thing — we need to finish treatment and then wait at least 7 days before we have sex again. In the meantime, let's figure out our safer sex options for the future. Then we should be good to go!