

COMPREHENSIVE STD PLATINUM PANEL

WHO SHOULD GET THIS TEST?

This panel is a good option for anybody who wants to know if they have certain STDs.

WHY IS THIS TEST IMPORTANT?

According to the CDC, millions of new STD infections occur annually in the United States. STDs can be asymptomatic, so the best way to know if you have one is by testing for it.

The Comprehensive STD Platinum Panel includes:

- HIV- HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. This is a virus that attacks the immune system. If left untreated, HIV can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). Currently, there is no cure for HIV; however, it can be managed with medications that reduce the viral load, or the amount of HIV in the blood.
- RPR (Syphilis)- Syphilis is a bacterial infection that can have serious consequences if left untreated. It develops in stages: primary stage, secondary stage, latent stage, and tertiary stage. Symptoms vary with each stage, and it is possible to have syphilis for several years without noticing symptoms.
- Herpes (HSV 1 & HSV 2)- Herpes (herpes simplex virus) is a virus that can cause sores on your mouth (sometimes called cold sores or fever blisters- usually due to HSV 1) and/or

genitals (usually due to HSV 2). There is no cure for herpes, but outbreaks can be managed with medications.

- Gonorrhea- Gonorrhea is one of the most common STDs. Gonorrhea is treatable, but it has progressively developed resistance to certain antibiotics. If gonorrhea is not treated early enough, it can lead to serious health problems in the future.
- Chlamydia- Chlamydia is the most common bacterial STI in the United States. It is treatable with antibiotics, but if left untreated, it can cause serious issues, including pelvic inflammatory disease.
- Hepatitis B- Hepatitis B is a viral infection that affects the liver. Many people with hepatitis B do not experience symptoms; when symptoms do occur, they include jaundice, fever, joint pain, dark-colored urine. Medications are available to treat hepatitis B, and there is a vaccine that can protect against hepatitis B.
- Hepatitis C- Hepatitis C is another viral infection that affects the liver. It is the most common chronic bloodborne infection in the United States. It is curable, and the CDC recommends hepatitis C screening at least once in a lifetime for all adults, and for all women during pregnancy.
- Trichomoniasis- Trichomoniasis is a parasitic infection. It is a major cause of vaginitis and is easily treatable. Trichomoniasis rarely causes symptoms in men; in women, symptoms may include pain with urination, itching or irritation around the vagina, foul-smelling discharge, and more.

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)- HPV is an infection that can cause warts, but many people do not experience symptoms. Some HPV infections can lead to cancer, including cervical cancer, oropharyngeal cancer, and more. There is no cure for HPV, but there are vaccines that can help protect against it.

OTHER RELEVANT TESTS

If you're interested in this panel, you may also want to consider:

- Basic STD Panel
- Comprehensive STD Panel
- Comprehensive STD Plus Panel

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