

# **ORAL STD PANEL**

### WHO SHOULD GET THIS TEST?

Oral STDs often go undetected because they are not always tested for. This panel is a good option for anybody who wants to know if they have STDs in the oral cavity.

#### 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 Oral STD Panel includes:

- 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.
- Syphilis (Treponema pallidum)- 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.
- 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.
- Mycoplasma genitalium- Mycoplasma genitalium is a bacterial infection. If detected, it should be promptly treated with antibiotics.
- Ureaplasma urealyticum- Ureaplasma urealyticum is another bacterial infection. It is
  often transmitted through sexual contact; however, it can also be part of the normal
  bacterial flora of the genital tract for many individuals.

# **OTHER RELEVANT TESTS**

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

- Basic STD Panel
- Comprehensive STD Panel
- Comprehensive STD Platinum Panel

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