

# **STI Testing Options and Information**

**If you have symptoms, your provider will discuss the most appropriate tests and treatment.**

**If you have no symptoms, but wish to have screening tests done, the following tests are available. Costs listed are approximate and are subject to change at any time. The charge will be placed on your student account and you may ask for a receipt to send to your insurance company.**

## **Gonorrhea/Chlamydia**

Testing is most valid if you have symptoms or if it has been 2 weeks or more since exposure.

Testing in women requires either a urine specimen or taking a swab specimen from the cervix during a pelvic exam. Which test is done will depend on symptoms and other factors that you will discuss with the provider at the time of your visit.

Testing in men requires a urine specimen.

For the most accurate test, you should not urinate in the 60-90 minutes before your appointment.

This test costs approximately \$10.00.

## **Syphilis (RPR)**

Testing is most valid 2-3 months after exposure. If the test is positive, a more specific test would be done at additional cost.

The RPR is a blood test done at SHS for no additional charge.

## **HIV**

It takes anywhere from 2 weeks-6 months for this test to be valid. Most people with the infection will test positive in 1-3 months. If this test is positive, further confirmatory testing will need to be done at additional cost.

HIV testing is done by a blood test and has a charge of approximately \$20.00.

## **Herpes**

Testing for herpes is most useful if you have an active lesion/sore. A swab can be taken and tested at a cost of approximately \$35.00. If it is positive for herpes, a second test will be run to determine whether the herpes is Type 1 or 2. This test will cost an additional \$30.00 (approx).

Screening tests for herpes (when you have no symptoms) are not usually recommended. This test is not specific for genital herpes and can be positive if you've ever had or been exposed to cold sores or fever blisters. You can discuss with your provider if you have further questions.

## **HPV/Genital Warts**

There is no screening test generally done for HPV. Most people will have no symptoms.

Diagnosis can be made if genital warts are present or if a woman has an abnormal pap smear.

## **Hepatitis B**

If you have had the 3-shot series of the Hepatitis B vaccine, you should be protected against acquiring this infection.

If you haven't had the vaccination series, a blood test can be done to screen for the infection at a cost of approximately \$25.00. Further testing, at additional charge, may need to be done if this is positive. It can take about 3 months for this test to be valid.

## **Hepatitis C**

This infection is not commonly transmitted sexually, but may be in some cases.

A test may be valid in 1-6 months.

A blood test is done, with an initial cost of approximately \$25.00. Further testing, at an additional charge, would likely be done if the test is positive.

## **Trichomoniasis**

This test may be valid 3-14 days after exposure, but can be difficult to diagnose.

Men can only be tested if they have a discharge/drip.

Women can be tested by swab during a pelvic exam.

There is no extra charge for this test.

## **Yeast/Bacterial Vaginosis**

These infections are not generally sexually transmitted and usually effect only women.

Testing is done in women by swab during a pelvic exam. There are no tests for men.

There is no extra charge for this test.