



TRICHOMONIASIS

What is Trichomoniasis?

Trichomoniasis is a disease caused by a small organism that lives and grows in warm, moist conditions. This disease causes an inflammation of the membranes of the vagina of the female and of the urethra in males and females. Trichomoniasis is generally considered to be a sexually transmitted disease.

Symptoms

Trichomoniasis can cause a foamy, yellow-green discharge that has a bad odor. Some women will experience severe vaginal itching or painful urination. Some women will have no symptoms. Most men who are infected have no symptoms but carry and transmit the disease.

Incubation Period

The disease usually develops, in women, 4 to 20 days after exposure.

Treatment

Trichomoniasis can be treated and cured with an antibiotic called Metronidazole (Flagyl). You and your sexual partner must BOTH be treated at the same time to avoid reinfection. You cannot have any alcohol during treatment with this drug or you will have severe vomiting. You should not have sexual intercourse until you and your partner have both completed treatment.