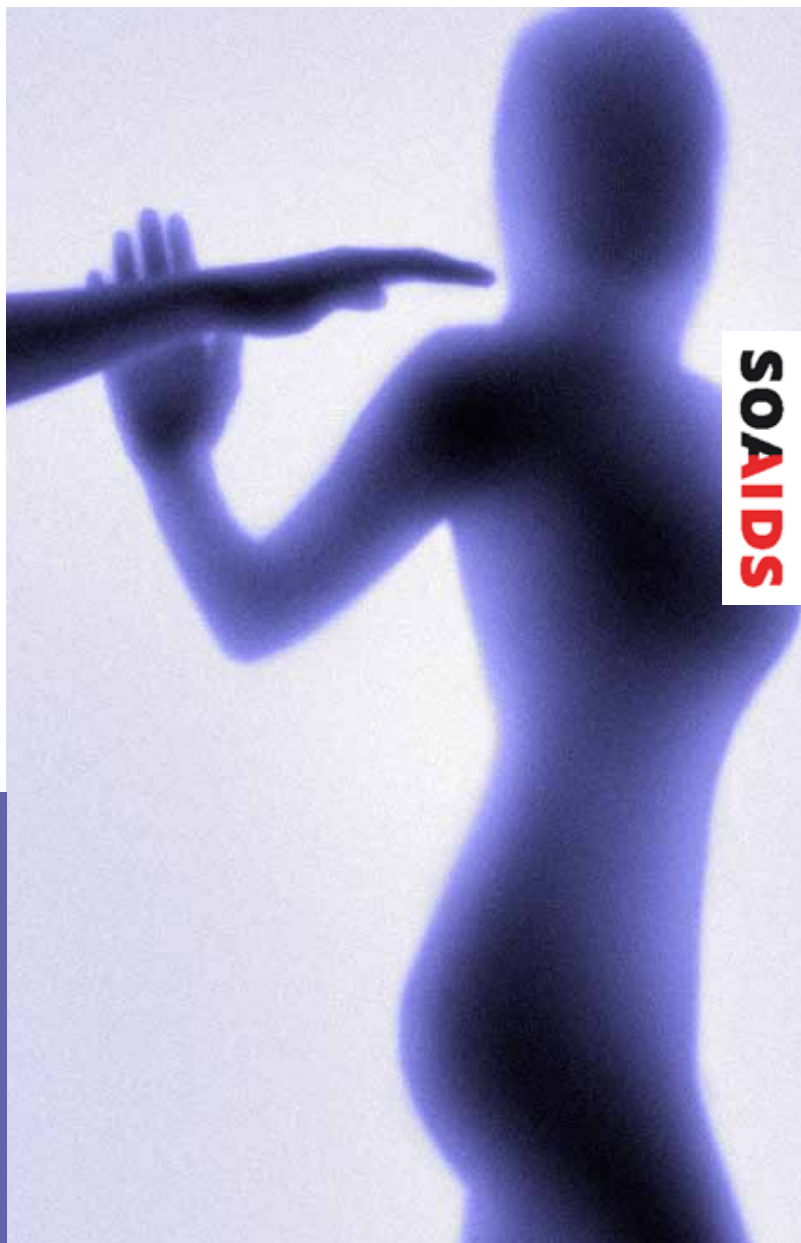


Further information

Further information about STIs is available on the Soa Aids Nederland (STI AIDS Netherlands) website. Soa Aids Nederland is a centre of expertise for HIV infection and other STIs. The www.soa aids.nl website gives detailed information on HIV and other STIs. Young people can visit the Dutch information site www.sense.info.

Trichomoniasis



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Trichomoniasis (also known as TV) is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by a parasite. Trichomoniasis is common all over the world. The infection is easy to treat and rarely has any serious complications. Many people who become infected with this STI don't have any symptoms. Women are more likely than men to develop symptoms from the parasite.

Symptoms

in women

In women, trichomoniasis can cause an inflammation of the vagina. They can then have greenish discharge, which may be frothy and smell very unpleasant. The area in and around the vagina may become red and irritated. This might make passing urine painful too.

in men

Men will probably hardly notice the trichomoniasis infection – if at all. Usually the infection will just go away by itself. Sometimes it may lead to an inflammation of the urethra (where the urine comes out). This can cause a burning sensation when passing urine and sometimes discharge from the urethra. The tip of the penis may also become red and irritated.

Possible complications of trichomoniasis

Trichomoniasis rarely has any serious complications. But this STI does increase the risk of HIV transmission. There are also indications that the parasite can cause problems during pregnancy (including a premature birth).

Treatment

Treatment consists of a single dose of antibiotic tablets. It is also important that sexual partners are treated, even if they don't have – or haven't had – any symptoms.

Warning partners

All sexual partners from the past four weeks should be warned so that they can be treated too, whether they have symptoms or not.

