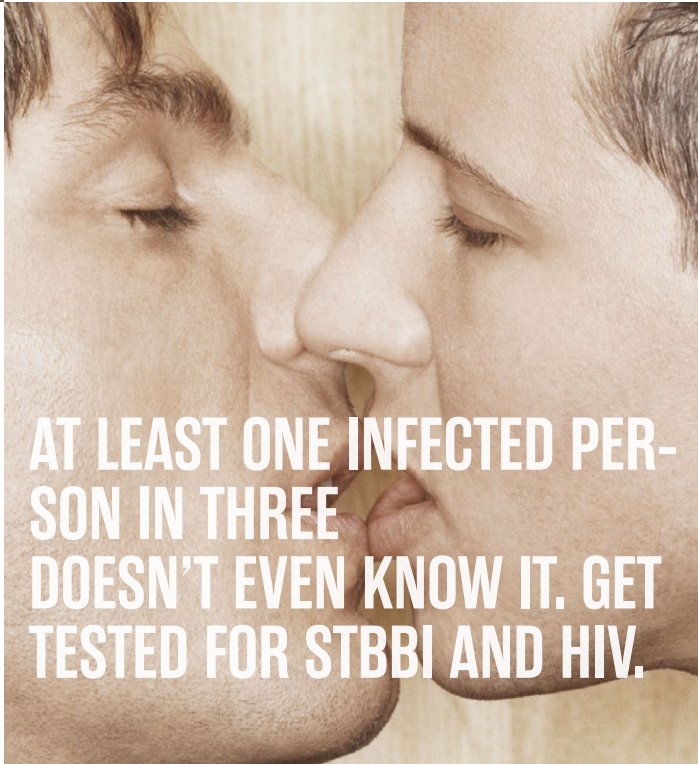




STBBI SCREENING AND PREVENTION SERVICES

The following STBBI screening and prevention services are available near you: counseling, testing, vaccination, treatment, help to notify partners as well as referrals to other resources, and support. These services are all offered by health professionals, are completely confidential, and are provided with respect for the person and his or her needs.



AT LEAST ONE INFECTED PERSON IN THREE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT. GET TESTED FOR STBBI AND HIV.



OPEN YOUR EYES

- Call Info-Santé 811 to find out where you can get tested;
- see a doctor or a nurse.

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STBBI AND HIV SCREENING: IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



OPEN YOUR EYES

Sexually transmitted and bloodborne infections (STBBIs) may not have any visible signs or symptoms, especially in people who have been recently infected. People who are infected can spread the infection without knowing it.

WHAT ARE STBBIs?

THEY ARE:

- Chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, HIV infection, hepatitis B and C, as well as, lymphogranuloma venereum, genital herpes and condylomas.

THEY CAN SPREAD:

- through unprotected oral, vaginal or anal sex;
- through direct or indirect contact with the blood of someone who is infected;
- by sharing steroid or drug injection or inhalation equipment;
- during pregnancy or delivery.

These infections and the complications that follow are avoidable, and most of them can be treated.

REASONS FOR ASKING FOR AN STBBI SCREENING TEST

STBBIs AFFECT MANY PEOPLE

A-You or your partner have had sex with:

- a new partner;
- someone who has had several partners;
- a partner who is from a country where STBBIs are very common;
- someone who is or has previously been incarcerated;
- a man who has had sex with men;
- someone who has an HIV infection;
- someone who currently has an STBBI or who has had one in the past;
- a sex worker;
- someone who has injected or inhaled drugs or steroids.

B-You have shared steroid or drug injection or inhalation equipment with someone, even once in your lifetime.

C-You have gotten a tattoo or piercing with non-sterile needles and equipment.

D-You're in a stable relationship and you would like to stop using condoms.

E-You're worried you might have caught an infection.

GETTING TESTED IS SIMPLE AND FAST

For some STBBI tests, all that is needed is a urine sample; for others, a blood sample is required.

FIRST, HOWEVER, YOU MUST HAVE A SCREENING TEST