



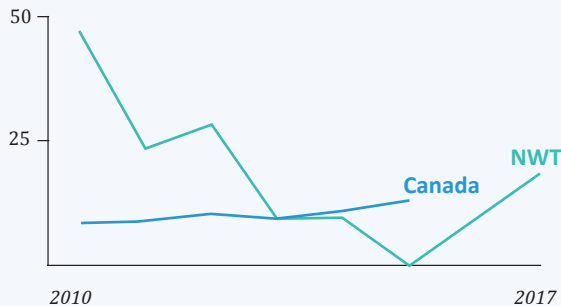
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Syphilis Rates IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

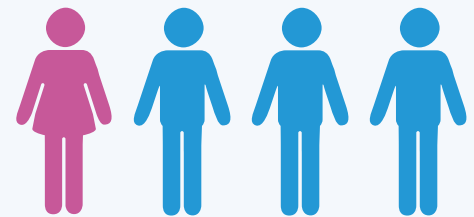
What is syphilis?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) spread by unprotected anal, vaginal or oral sex with infected partners.

THE DATA



75%

 Among 2017 cases of syphilis, **ARE MALE**

RISK FACTORS



Unprotected sex



Multiple partners



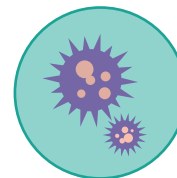
*Intravenous drug use



Transactional sex



Anonymous partners



History of STIs



People who test positive for HIV

SYMPTOMS

Fever

Painless sore

Rash

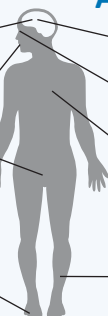
AFFECTED ORGANS

Brain

Eyes

Heart

Bones



TRANSMISSION



Vaginal sex



Oral sex



Anal sex

Mother to fetus



PROTECT & PREVENT

You can have Syphilis and not know it.

GET TESTED

INDICATOR SOURCE: NWT data – NWT Notifiable Disease Registry, Population Health, Department of Health and Social Services; Canadian data – Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian Notifiable Disease Surveillance System. **Note:** Canadian data is only available until 2015. **INDICATOR DEFINITION:** The syphilis rate is the number of people for every 100,000 persons who have had syphilis in 2017.

*Intravenous drug use leading to unprotected transactional sex with infected partner.

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