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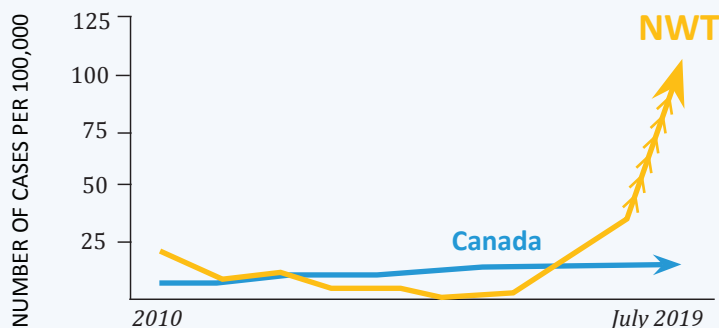
Syphilis

IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

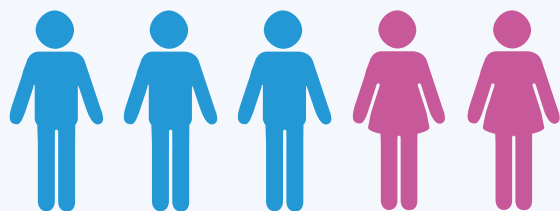
What is syphilis?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection which causes long term, serious disease if not treated.

IN 2019



60% ARE MALE 40% ARE FEMALE



RISK FACTORS



Unprotected sex



Multiple partners



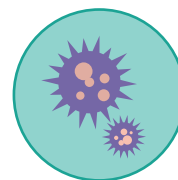
Intravenous drug use



Transactional sex



Anonymous partners



History of STIs



People who test positive for HIV

SYMPTOMS

Fever

Painless sore

Rash

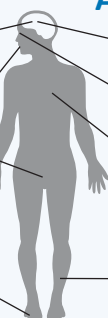
AFFECTED ORGANS

Brain

Eyes

Heart

Bones



TRANSMISSION

Vaginal sex

Mother to fetus

Oral sex

Anal sex

Among infected mothers



PROTECT & PREVENT

YOU CAN HAVE SYPHILIS AND NOT KNOW IT

GET TESTED GET TREATED

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 2016. **INDICATOR DEFINITION:** The syphilis rate is the number of people for every 100,000 persons who have had syphilis in 2018.

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

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