

# CHANCROID

<b>Causative organism</b>	<i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i>
<b>Incubation period</b>	Usually 3 to 5 days, can be up to 14 days. (SoNG)
<b>How far to trace back</b>	14 days or since arrival in endemic area, whichever is shorter (SONG, US, European guidelines)
<b>Usual testing method</b>	Nucleic acid amplification testing or culture
<b>Common symptoms</b>	Anogenital ulcers; enlarged tender inguinal nodes (buboes) which may breakdown and discharge
<b>Likelihood of transmission per act of unprotected intercourse</b>	High
<b>Likelihood of long-term sexual partner being infected</b>	High; asymptomatic infection is thought to occur sometimes in people with a vagina
<b>Protective effect of condoms</b>	Probably high
<b>Transmission by oral sex</b>	Rare
<b>Duration of potential infectivity</b>	Weeks
<b>Important sequelae</b>	Local tissue destruction, inguinal abscesses and draining sinuses
<b>Direct benefit of detection and treatment of contacts</b>	Cure
<b>Usual management of contacts</b>	Counselling, clinical examination and testing of lesions for chancroid Presumptively treat partners see <a href="#">Australasian STI Management Guidelines</a> for treatment guidelines
<b>Contact tracing priority</b>	High, as not endemic in Australia or New Zealand. Specialist support for contact tracing should be sought if local acquisition or transmission is possible
<b>Notification</b>	Notifiable in most Australian states and territories except ACT, Tasmania and Victoria: Check local guidelines and seek specialist contact tracing support.  Notifiable:  NSW: Doctors and laboratories on diagnoses  NT: Doctors and laboratories  QLD: Laboratory only  SA: Doctors and laboratories  WA: Doctors and laboratories  Not notifiable in New Zealand

## References

- Centres for Disease Control and Prevention  
[Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines, 2021 - Chancroid](#)
- NSW Health, Control Guideline for Public Health Units  
[Chancroid control guideline](#)

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