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HAVE YOU PICKED UP MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR?

STDs, clap, pox, whatever you call them, sexually transmitted infections are no fun. So what do you do when that last night's shag came with an unwanted added extra?

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Any kind of spots or sores, itching or rash on your cock, balls or around your arse could be a sign of infection. Some infections cause a discharge from the opening at the end of your cock or from your arse, some others can give you a pain when you piss. Remember, many sexually transmitted infections cause no symptoms at all.

YOUR SEXUAL M.O.T.

No, I don't mean that mechanic at the garage. I mean getting a regular check up. With so many infections not causing any symptoms at all it's a good idea to visit your clinic on a regular basis, perhaps every three to six months.

Never ignore any unusual symptoms, get yourself to a clinic a.s.a.p. honey. Don't be embarrassed, the doctors and nurses have seen it all before, everything is confidential and the treatment is free.

GETTING IT SORTED

If you're HIV positive your immune system may already be under stress and an infection may be more difficult to treat so it's even more important to take your sexual health seriously.

DON'T SHARE

If you think you have got an infection - don't share it! Don't have sex until you've been given the all clear by the clinic.

If you want to get involved in GMFA or make a donation contact: GMFA


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