

## STI Testing Options and Information

If you have symptoms, your provider will discuss the most appropriate tests and treatment.

If you have no symptoms, but wish to have screening tests done, the following tests are available. Costs listed are approximate and are subject to change at any time. The charge will be placed on your student account and you may ask for a receipt to send to your insurance company.

### Gonorrhea/Chlamydia

Testing is most valid if you have symptoms or if it has been 2 weeks or more since exposure.

Testing in women requires either a urine specimen or taking a swab specimen from the cervix during a pelvic exam. Which test is done will depend on symptoms and other factors that you will discuss with the provider at the time of your visit.

Testing in men requires a urine specimen.

For the most accurate test, you should not urinate in the 60-90 minutes before your appointment.

This test costs approximately \$10.00.

### Syphilis (RPR)

Testing is most valid 2-3 months after exposure. If the test is positive, a more specific test would be done at additional cost.

The RPR is a blood test done at SHS for no additional charge.

### HIV

It takes anywhere from 2 weeks-6 months for this test to be valid. Most people with the infection will test positive in 1-3 months. If this test is positive, further confirmatory testing will need to be done at additional cost.

HIV testing is done by a blood test and has a charge of approximately \$20.00.

### Herpes

Testing for herpes is most useful if you have an active lesion/sore. A swab can be taken and tested at a cost of approximately \$35.00. If it is positive for herpes, a second test will be run to determine whether the herpes is Type 1 or 2. This test will cost an additional \$30.00 (approx).

Screening tests for herpes (when you have no symptoms) are not usually recommended. This test is not specific for genital herpes and can be positive if you've ever had or been exposed to cold sores or fever blisters. You can discuss with your provider if you have further questions.

### HPV/Genital Warts

There is no screening test generally done for HPV. Most people will have no symptoms.

Diagnosis can be made if genital warts are present or if a woman has an abnormal pap smear.

### Hepatitis B

If you have had the 3-shot series of the Hepatitis B vaccine, you should be protected against acquiring this infection. For healthcare workers and other select populations, a quantitative Hepatitis B antibody test is recommended to verify immunity at a cost of approximately \$25.00.

If you think you have been exposed to Hepatitis B, there are blood tests available. The specific test to have done should be discussed with your healthcare provider.

### Hepatitis C

This infection is not commonly transmitted sexually, but may be in some cases.

A blood test for Hepatitis C will be positive 2-6 months after the initial infection. The cost of the test is approximately \$26.00. If it is positive, additional testing will be needed with an additional charge.

### Trichomoniasis/ Yeast/Bacterial Vaginosis

This test may be valid 3-14 days after exposure, but the condition can be difficult to diagnose. Some conditions can occur without sexual contact.

The specimen is collected from wound during a pelvic exam. Men can be tested for trichomoniasis only if they have a discharge. A microscopic exam of the specimen is done to identify the causative organism(s).

There is no extra charge for this test.