

Questionnaire on Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS

For each of the following statements, put a *t* in the blank if the statement is true and an *f* if the statement is false.

- t* 1. The first phase of syphilis is a painless blister (similar to a canker sore) that appears on the genitals or possibly on the lip or within the mouth.
- f* 2. Many times syphilis is cured without treatment.
- t* 3. Permanent damage and even death can result in some cases of untreated syphilis.
- f* 4. Syphilis is caused by a bacterium that can live outside the human body for a long time.
- f* 5. Syphilis can be contracted from swimming with an infected person.
- t* 6. Gonorrhea is almost always contracted through sexual intercourse.
- t* 7. Eighty-five percent of women with gonorrhea show no early symptoms.
- t* 8. An inflammation of the urethra and a thin, watery discharge from the penis are frequently the first symptoms of gonorrhea in men.
- t* 9. Women with gonorrhea frequently have difficulty with urination.
- f* 10. Gonorrhea cannot be determined by lab tests.
- f* 11. Herpes is hard to get.
- f* 12. Herpes is curable with new salves.
- t* 13. The first symptom of herpes is usually itching or tingling around the genitals.
- t* 14. If someone has the herpes virus, the visible, blistering condition can be triggered by stress, fatigue, or illness.
- f* 15. Herpes is not dangerous for women.
- f* 16. Symptoms of herpes show up almost immediately after contact with the virus.
- f* 17. Untreated herpes can lead to mental retardation.
- f* 18. Chlamydia is the least common sexually transmitted disease.
- f* 19. Penicillin cures all forms of chlamydia.
- t* 20. Eighty percent of women infected with chlamydia have no noticeable symptoms in the initial stages.
- f* 21. No test for chlamydia exists.
- t* 22. The chlamydia epidemic is highest among teenagers.
- t* 23. Chlamydia can cause infertility in both men and women.
- t* 24. Chlamydia is one of the major causes of pelvic inflammatory disease.
- f* 25. Chlamydia seldom affects the newborn children of infected women.
- f* 26. AIDS can be contracted from the water in a hot tub or swimming pool if an infected person has been in it.
- t* 27. Saliva has been shown to carry HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.
- f* 28. Most persons carrying HIV do not develop AIDS itself.
- t* 29. AIDS is contracted through the exchange of bodily fluids, usually blood, semen, or vaginal secretions.
- t* 30. One symptom of AIDS is unexplained weight loss of ten pounds or more.
- f* 31. Asians and Hispanics are immune to AIDS.
- f* 32. Most AIDS victims show symptoms immediately.
- t* 33. The HIV antibody can be transmitted even if the carrier does not know that he or she has the virus.
- t* 34. Pregnant HIV carriers can infect their unborn children.
- f* 35. AIDS can be contracted if an HIV carrier sneezes or coughs on you.