



MUCOPURULENT CERVICITIS (MPC)

What is mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC)?

Mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC) is an inflammation of the cervix that may be caused by a variety of bacteria and/or viruses which may be sexually transmitted. Symptoms may take 1 to 6 weeks to develop after exposure.

How is MPC transmitted?

Most bacteria and/or viruses that cause MPC can be transmitted during oral or vaginal sex.

What are the symptoms?

Most people do not experience symptoms. If symptoms occur, they can be:

- Increased vaginal discharge
- Painful intercourse
- Bleeding between periods or after intercourse
- Long or heavier periods

How is MPC treated?

MPC is treated with antibiotics. Do not have any sexual contact during treatment and for 7 days after treatment. Encourage your partner(s) to be tested before resuming any sexual activity. You can be re-infected after treatment.

Possible complications:

If left untreated it may cause:

- Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) (an infection in the fallopian tubes, uterus and ovaries)
- Infertility (inability to get pregnant)
- Ectopic pregnancy (tubal pregnancy)

Call the **Sexual Health Infoline Ontario** at 1-800-668-2437 if you have questions or need help.

For more information on mucopurulent cervicitis, visit: www.sexandu.ca

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