

# Chlamydia trachomatis

[Fact sheet](http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthConditions/2/Infections-Parasites/138/Sexually-Transmitted-Diseases/841/Chlamydia) [<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthConditions/2/Infections-Parasites/138/Sexually-Transmitted-Diseases/841/Chlamydia>] - Health conditions directory

Chlamydia (*Chlamydia trachomatis*) is a bacterium that causes a sexually transmissible infection (STI). It most commonly affects the urethra (the delicate tube that runs from your bladder), the throat and the anus. In women it may spread to the cervix (neck of the womb) and the uterus. Chlamydia can also be transferred to the eyes through rubbing or touching with unwashed hands.

## Public health management guidelines

- Read [Queensland Health guidelines for public health units](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/chlamydiatrachomatis.asp) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/chlamydiatrachomatis.asp>]

## Notification

### Pathology laboratories

- [Notification criteria for pathology laboratories](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/notif-criteria-guide.pdf) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/documents/notif-criteria-guide.pdf>]s (PDF, 55kB)
- [Notification and reporting criteria](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/chlamydiatrachomatis.asp#nc) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/chlamydiatrachomatis.asp#nc>]

### Notification resources

- List of all [pathological, clinical and provisional diagnosis notifiable conditions](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notifiable-conditions/list/default.asp) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notifiable-conditions/list/default.asp>]
- List of [public health units contacts](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units/default.asp) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units/default.asp>]
- [Notifiable conditions report form for Queensland clinicians](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notif-conditions-rpt.pdf) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/notif-conditions-rpt.pdf>] (PHA S70) (PDF, 48kB) if faxing notification, follow up by phone.

## Clinical guidelines

- [Australian STI management guidelines](http://www.sti.guidelines.org.au/sexually-transmissible-infections/chlamydia) [<http://www.sti.guidelines.org.au/sexually-transmissible-infections/chlamydia>] - an online resource for primary care health professionals which provide concise information to support the prevention, testing, diagnosis, management and treatment of STIs.

## Epidemiological data and reports

- View [communicable diseases data for notifiable conditions in Queensland](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/surveillance/reports/notifiable/default.asp) [<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/surveillance/reports/notifiable/default.asp>].
- [Annual Surveillance Report](http://kirby.unsw.edu.au/surveillance/Annual-Surveillance-Reports) [<http://kirby.unsw.edu.au/surveillance/Annual-Surveillance-Reports>] – analysis of HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections in Australia produced by The Kirby Institute.