Got questions about STI testing? We have answers!

We also have links to more information and resources to help you get the information that you need.

While we're on the subject, have you visited the on-campus Health Service? The UNSW Health Service provides a quality, non-judgmental health service to students, staff and visitors of UNSW. They are here to help you with any concerns you may have about your health and wellbeing, even the stuff you might be a bit embarrassed to talk about.

Below are some answers to some common STI questions.

Who needs STI Testing?

Sexual health testing is recommended:

- Once a year, if you are sexually active,
- When you change sexual partners, or
- If you have unprotected sex or your condom breaks.

For sexual health help and resources, visit our resources page here.

For further information around HIV, STIs and sexual health call 1800 451 624 or visit https://www.shil.nsw.gov.au/

Do I need a test if I don’t have symptoms?

Most STI’s don’t have symptoms, so don’t use the absence of symptoms as an excuse. But if you do have symptoms such as burning when urinating, discharge and/or odd smells from your vagina or penis, we encourage you to book an appointment today.

Where can I test?

Testing is free for Medicare and Medibank OSHC students through the UNSW Health Service and is 100% confidential. You can also test at any sexual health clinic in NSW. You can contact NSW Sexual Health Infolink to find the closest clinic to you on 1800 451 624.

What type of test do I need?

Different tests are required depending on whether you have had oral, anal or vaginal sex, but the most common test for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea is as simple as peeing in a jar. Learn more about STI tests here

CASI: Anonymous STI testing with CASI on Kensington campus

Talking about sex and your sexual partners can be awkward, even when it’s important for your health. Being up front about who you have sex with and what type of sex you have can be uncomfortable. So, we’ve come up with a solution to avoid those tricky conversations. CASI is a computer kiosk that provides FREE STI (sexually transmitted infections) tests for men.
Prior to testing you will be asked to complete some pre-screening questions to see if you’re eligible. If you meet the criterion you will be given an anal and oral swab to self-collect and you will need to pee into a jar. You collect these samples, place them in the bag provided and then drop these off into a self-collection box in the bathroom. These tests are then sent to pathology and results are managed by Sydney Sexual Health. The only information CASI will collect from you is your name and your contact details. The information you provide is both private and confidential and is not linked to your academic record in any way.

CASI is located in the men’s toilet outside the health service in the main quadrangle at UNSW Kensington campus. Just follow the yellow steps at the back of the health service to the men’s toilet.
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