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What is oral sex?

Oral sex is when a person uses his/her mouth to arouse a partner's penis or vagina.

Can you catch a sexual disease from oral sex?

Yes, either person can catch a sexually transmitted disease (STD) – chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, genital herpes, genital warts and HIV/AIDS. Even if the person's mouth and genitals look OK, the STD germs can still be there and infect you.

How can a guy catch an STD giving or getting oral sex?

HIV/AIDS and other STD germs, including gonorrhea and chlamydia, can live in either blood, or vaginal fluids. Tiny cuts from dry lips and brushed or flossed teeth let germs out of the body. These germs can enter the penis or mouth through tiny invisible cuts caused by the rubbing movements.

How can a girl catch an STD giving or getting oral sex?

HIV/AIDS and other STD germs, including gonorrhea and chlamydia, can live in either blood or semen (cum). These germs can enter a girl's body through tiny invisible cuts in the skin, mouth or vagina. Cuts can be from the rubbing movements, dry lips, brushed or flossed teeth.

Can a girl get pregnant from oral sex?

No, a girl can't get pregnant from oral sex even if she swallows the semen.

Can you catch HIV/AIDS from oral sex?

Yes, either person can get infected with HIV/AIDS. The germs travel in blood, semen and vaginal fluid from person to person through tiny, invisible cuts in the mouth, vagina, penis or anus.

Is it OK to say no?

It is **always** OK to say no. Maybe you are worried that you will lose someone you care about. **How** you say no really matters. You can say it like you really mean it without hurting your partner.

- Talk with someone you trust.
- Practice saying no with friends.
- Some people move too fast.
- Give yourself time and make your own decision.

Why do girls give oral sex even if they don't enjoy it?

Girls give different reasons for giving oral sex. Some of them are:

- It's not really having sex.
- To be popular
- To start or keep a relationship
- To do what she thinks others are doing
- A compromise for not having intercourse
- To still feel she is a "virgin"
- Mistaken belief she can't get an STD

Why do guys push girls to have oral sex?

Guys give different reasons for having oral sex. Some of them are:

- Because it feels good
- To feel valued
- To do what he thinks other guys are doing
- To feel he controls her
- To get "something" if a girl doesn't want intercourse
- To avoid a possible pregnancy
- Mistaken belief he can't get an STD

What's wrong with a guy pushing a girl to give oral sex?

Pushing a girl to do what she doesn't want is aggressive behavior. It is a selfish act. Girls need to ask themselves:

1. Is he thinking of me or only himself?
2. How do I feel about being pressured?
3. Do I trust him?
4. Am I getting what I want?
5. Is he thinking of my feelings or only his?

Why do adults say teens shouldn't have oral sex?

Oral sex is sharing a very private part of yourself. Counselors know that students who have oral sex may:

- Feel used
- Fear others will know
- Regret their decision
- Feel bad about themselves
- Worry about catching diseases
- Actually get an STD

Where can I get more information?

- Centers for Disease Control STD Hotline 1-800-227-8922
- Centers for Disease Control AIDS Hotline 1-800-342-2437
- AIDS Hotline for Teens - M-F 3-7 PM - 1-800-234-TEEN
- Herpes Resource Center 1-919-361-8488
- DC VD Hotline 202-832-7000
- DC AIDS Hotline - 202-332-2437

Where can I go for free, confidential counseling and testing?

Health Departments' STD clinics list their phone numbers in the blue pages section of the white pages.

Montgomery County - 240-777-1760
Prince Georges - 301-817-3131
District of Columbia - 202-698-4050

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