

Screening for bacterial infections of the urine:

We are offering to screen teenagers ages 16yrs and older for the following bacterial infections through a urine test: chlamydia and gonorrhea.

- Chlamydia and gonorrhea are two common bacterial infections which are transmitted by sexual activity. Both can cause serious medical problems.
- In females: infections of the cervix and urethra; pelvic inflammatory disease – which can lead to severe infection requiring hospitalization or lead to inability to become pregnant or lead to chronic pain.
- In males: infections of the penis (urethra) and epididymis.
- In many patients, infections can be present without symptoms so the person does not know they have an infection.
- Screening adolescents who are sexually active is recommended yearly for all, as well as when they do have symptoms, in order to treat these infections and reduce the possible complications and spread to partners.
- Screening is done by getting a urine sample and would be covered by your insurance.