
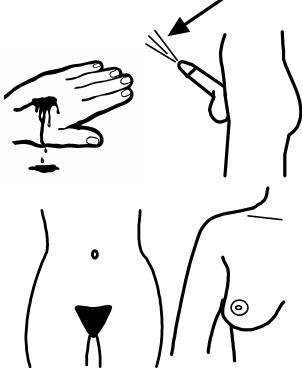
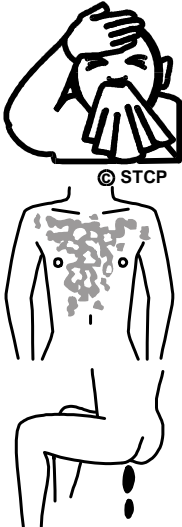




# HIV

	<p>HIV is the Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes failure of part of the immune system.</p> <p>The immune system is important because it defends the body from infection and disease.</p>
	<p>HIV is only infectious in blood, semen, vaginal fluids and breast milk.</p> <p>A person can only become infected with HIV if one of these body fluids containing HIV gets into their body and passes into their bloodstream.</p> <p>This can be through sex, or an open wound or sharing a needle, or a needle injury</p>
	<p>If someone becomes infected this is called becoming HIV positive</p> <p>Some people have no symptoms.</p> <p>Others may have symptoms like flu-like symptoms, fever, rashes, a sore throat and swollen glands.</p> <p>Symptoms of ongoing HIV infection may include unexplained diarrhoea, weight loss, recurrent rashes, fever or an AIDS-related illness</p>
	<p>There is no vaccine or cure for HIV, but there are numerous HIV treatment options available.</p> <p>Treatment for HIV is currently anti-viral medications.</p> <p>These attack the virus at different points and stages in its lifecycle</p>
	<p>When used correctly condoms are the most effective way to prevent HIV being picked up or passed on</p>