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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES :

Sexually transmitted diseases or an STD is a disease or infection that is transmitted from one person to the other through sexual intercourse.

Some of these diseases include Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Genital herpes, Genital warts, AIDS etc. Most of the

STD's can be curable if detected early and proper treatment is given.

The exceptions are the dreaded AIDS, Hepatitis B, and Genital Herpes.

The symptoms of the **STD's** or **venereal diseases** can range from itching, mild pain, fluid discharge, swelling etc., occurring in the genital region.

In the case of females who are infected, symptoms are rarely seen, which is the main cause for not being detected early.

There is a lot of social stigmas attached to an STD, which deters the infected persons from taking timely medical help.

Even the absence of significant symptoms is another cause.

All this leads to further complications that can include cancer, infertility, ectopic pregnancies or stillbirths or even pelvic inflammatory diseases.

STD's pose a major threat to a healthy society.

The only probable solution to overcome this problem is the prevention or early detection these diseases so that medical attention can be given at the right time.

The reproductive **healthcare** programs should focus on issues like STD's also.