

ABOUT YEAST INFECTIONS

WHAT IS A YEAST INFECTION?

A yeast infection is caused by too much yeast fungus in a woman's vagina. You can pass it to someone else during sex. But this does not happen very much.

Yeast infections happen to a lot of women who:

Are taking antibiotics and/or cortisone medications

Are taking birth control pills

Douche

Have diabetes or is pregnant

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF A YEAST INFECTION?

If you are a woman the most common sign is a red and dry vagina. Your vagina itches and burns, too. You might get a thick white, odorless discharge that looks like cottage cheese.

Men who get yeast infections can get a red, swollen penis.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YEAST INFECTIONS

1. Use your medicine just like your doctor or nurse told you to. Use the medicine until it is all gone, even if you feel better after a few days.
2. If your itching and discharge don't go away or if you still have problems, call your doctor.
3. Call your doctor if you develop an unusual vaginal discharge.