

Formal Outline on Syphilis

Attention Getter: Imagine yourself living a life knowing you have a disease that could lead to death. Imagine yourself suffering your last moments in pain coming from sores on your organs. Imagine living a life with syphilis and knowing that many will think of you differently or that may reject you. Imagine not being able to have a child because the child may have abnormalities and die. Imagine not being able to hope for a romantic relationship with someone.

Topic Revelation: Today, I will be trying to inform you about the sexually transmitted disease known as syphilis

Credibility Statement: According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection caused by a bacterium called *Treponema Pallidum*. It progresses in stages and without treatment, it can lead to death.

Preview of points: In the next few minutes I will be sharing with you the causes, different stages and preventions of syphilis.

Body

I. There are a variety of causes that can lead to syphilis of Syphilis

- A.** According to M.D. Christine Williams from the American Health Foundation, the most common way to catch syphilis is coming in contact with an open sore on the sex organs. Syphilis can be spread during vaginal, anal or oral sex through an open sore or skin rash.

- B.** An infected mother can pass her newborn the disease. Not only can a mother pass on this disease to their unborn child but it may also cause miscarriage, stillbirth or death soon after birth According to the article “Feeding The Need “ written by Marnell Jameson published by the Los Angeles Times Newspaper, women who donate breast milk to women who can not provide breast milk , have often times affected newborns with diseases such as syphilis.
- C.** Blood transfusions from an infected person are another way to get infected.

II. The progression of Syphilis goes through several stages.

- A.** Primary Stage shows little evidence of syphilis; a single, painless sore called chancre begins to appear.
 - 1.** The sore appears about 10 to 90 days after infection. The sore can appear on the Vagina, Cervix, and Tongue, lips or other parts of the body.
 - 2.** Twenty one days after infection is the stage in where it is most common for a sore to appear.
 - 3.** If infection is not treated, illness moves to the secondary stage.
- B.** The Secondary Stage exhibits symptoms
 - 1.** In the secondary stage symptoms become more obvious. The symptoms are skin rash, sores on throat, mouth or cervix, fever,

swollen lymph glands, patchy hair loss, headaches, muscle paralysis, weight loss and tiredness. (the rash of secondary syphilis)

2. Without treatment this illness will progress to the next stage labeled the latent stage.

C. There is also a hidden stage of Syphilis

1. According to Christina Williams the hidden stage shows no symptoms and can start from two years to over thirty years after initial infection and relapse may occur.
2. Without treatment some may enter the late stage.

D. The Late Stage often results in death.

1. The late stage is the last moments of an infected person with syphilis; it attacks fatal organs such as brain, nerves, eyes heart, blood vessels, liver, bones, and joints.

III. There are a number of ways to prevent Syphilis.

- A.** The number one way to prevent syphilis is abstinence-simply not to have sex.
- B.** Be a faithful sexual partner, meaning that only have sex with the person that you know and no one else.
- C.** Use condoms every time you have sexual activity whether it is vaginal, oral or anal.
- D.** Know that certain methods like birth control will not protect you from STD's.

E. Communicate with a doctor or a nurse about your sexual relationship. Try not to be embarrassed and try to be honest because it could save your life.

F. Take STD exams regularly.

Conclusion:

I have just explained to you why syphilis is a life-threatening sexually transmitted disease. We have discussed the causes, different stages and preventions of syphilis.

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease that can cause one to live a life of neglect, criticism, pain and if not treated death. For the benefit of others we should try to use protection during sexual contact with an unknown person because you never know when that person might be infected with syphilis.

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