

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections

### Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)

Commonly known as PID, this condition causes approximately 15 percent of the infertility in the United States. Although PID may be caused by many different organisms, a large number of cases are associated with chlamydia and gonorrhea.

This infection of the uterus, fallopian tubes and other reproductive organs causes symptoms such as lower abdominal pain. PID is the only condition which is reportable based on clinical criteria alone. These criteria include lower abdominal pain, adnexal tenderness, and cervical motion tenderness.

PID is a reportable condition in North Carolina, but is not reportable to the CDC. Although the case definition specifies several clinical components, for reporting purposes a clinician's report of PID should be counted as a case.

PID should be reported even if the gonorrhea and chlamydia tests are negative, because other organisms may be the cause.

PID should also be reported as a separate event if the gonorrhea and/or chlamydia tests are positive and are reported in N.C. EDSS.

For more information:

- CDC fact sheet, [www.cdc.gov/std/PID/STDFact-PID.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/PID/STDFact-PID.htm)
- CDC STD Treatment Guidelines 2010 – Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, [www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/pid.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/pid.htm)