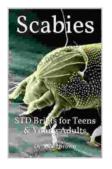
Scabies STD: Briefs for Teens and Young Adults

What is scabies?

Scabies is a common sexually transmitted infection (STI) that is caused by a tiny mite called Sarcoptes scabiei. The mites burrow into the skin, where they lay their eggs. This can cause intense itching and a rash.



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How is scabies spread?

Scabies is spread through close contact with someone who is infected. This can happen through sexual contact, or through shared clothing or bedding.

What are the symptoms of scabies?

The most common symptom of scabies is intense itching. The itching is often worse at night. Other symptoms of scabies include:

* A rash that can appear anywhere on the body, but is most common on the hands, wrists, elbows, and genitals * Small, raised bumps on the skin * Crusting or scaling of the skin * Sores or blisters

How is scabies diagnosed?

Scabies is diagnosed by a doctor or other healthcare provider. The doctor will examine your skin and look for the characteristic symptoms of scabies. The doctor may also Free Download a skin biopsy to confirm the diagnosis.

How is scabies treated?

Scabies is treated with prescription medication. The medication kills the mites and their eggs. It is important to treat all of the people who have been in close contact with someone who is infected with scabies.

How can I prevent scabies?

The best way to prevent scabies is to avoid close contact with someone who is infected. If you have been in close contact with someone who has scabies, you should see a doctor or other healthcare provider right away.

What are the complications of scabies?

If scabies is not treated, it can lead to a number of complications, including:

* Secondary skin infections * Impetigo * Cellulitis * Lymphangitis * Glomerulonephritis

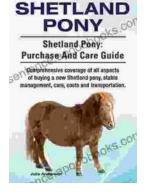
Scabies is a common STI that can cause intense itching and a rash. It is important to be aware of the symptoms of scabies and to seek treatment if you think you may have been infected. Treatment is usually effective and can prevent serious complications.



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