



# Clinic 34

## Free confidential sexual health service

Clinic 34 is a specialist sexual health service for the assessment and treatment of sexually transmitted infections and blood borne viruses, including HIV/AIDS. Treatment for most sexually transmitted infections is free.

### Services offered by Clinic 34 include:

- Information and counselling about all sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Testing and treatment, for STIs
- HIV information, testing and management
- HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Hepatitis B and C testing
- Vaccination for hepatitis A and B for people at high risk
- Sex Industry Worker's Health Care including screening, treatment and vaccination where appropriate
- Needle and Syringe Program (NSP). Distribution of free, sterile needles and syringes
- Specialist advice and treatment referral service for General Practitioners and other primary carers for sexual health issues

### What to expect when you come to Clinic 34

#### Reception

Our reception staff will ask you to complete a registration form but it is up to you how much information you fill in. You do not need a Medicare card or referral to be seen but referral information may assist care.

#### Consultation

The health practitioner will ask you some questions to find out what your risk factors are and to decide which tests are recommended in your case. In most circumstances you can collect your own specimens, but sometimes an examination will be recommended. This will be discussed with you at the time of consultation.

#### Results

Most results are available within one to two weeks.

#### Treatment

If the examination and tests show you need treatment you may be given some tablets or an injection at the time of consultation or you may need to come back for treatment later. It is very important that you complete your treatment even if you feel better.

#### Follow-up

You may be asked to come back to the clinic for more tests or treatment. You may be asked to come back or contact us for results.

#### Privacy and Confidentiality

All information you give is strictly confidential, unless there is a legal requirement for us to disclose information. Only Clinic 34 staff have access to the records kept for your care and treatment.

We keep these records so that each health professional involved in your care at Clinic 34 has all the facts needed to provide you with the most suitable and safest treatment.

If you want to access your records at any time, please talk to the staff at the clinic.

## How to tell if you have an STI?

Most people with STIs feel perfectly well. Sometimes people notice the following symptoms:

- A discharge (pus, blood or fluid) from the penis, vagina or rectum
- An offensive odour from the vagina or penis
- Pain or burning when passing urine (peeing)
- Sores, blisters or lumps on the penis, vagina, anus or surrounding area.

**REMEMBER:** many STIs cause minor or no symptoms.

## Further information

**For more information contact Clinic 34 in your region**

Alice Springs 8951 7549

Darwin 8999 2678

Katherine 8973 9049

Nhulunbuy 8987 0357

Tennant Creek 8962 4250

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