

# SEXtalk)))

Answers to Your Questions about Sex and Relationships

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## factoid

**UA students can buy 100 quality condoms for just \$10.00 at the Campus Health Service Pharmacy.**

**Q. I would like to get tested to see if I have any STD's, but I am unsure about where to go for an appointment.**

**A.** You can be examined, tested, and treated for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) right on campus. The medical staff at the Campus Health Service is highly qualified and trained to provide a range of medical care for students who may have an STD. And it will cost you less than a visit to most doctors' offices in Tucson. Below are three options (on campus or nearby) for thorough and relatively inexpensive STD testing.

Call 621-9202 to make an appointment at Campus Health (located at Cherry Avenue and the Mall) near the Integrated Learning Center. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm (CHS opens on Wednesdays at 9am). At your visit a doctor or nurse practitioner will examine you. Based on your medical history (and any signs or symptoms) you and the health care provider will discuss the most likely infections for which you should be tested.

There are over 25 different STDs and each one requires a specific test, hence it is often impractical and expensive to have a test for each possible disease. Most students opt for gonorrhea and chlamydia testing. The cost for both tests is \$31.00 at Campus Health. However, if you subscribe to either of the insurance plans offered through Campus Health - Campus Care or United Healthcare - the cost of the tests would be covered by your \$7 co-pay.

Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona also offers STD testing by appointment (call 624-1761). You might not know that they offer services for men, too. The office closest to campus is located at 127 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in downtown Tucson. The cost for gonorrhea and chlamydia tests is between \$35-\$40.

If money is a concern and you don't mind traveling a bit further off campus, the Pima County Health Department offers STD testing at the Teresa Lee Clinic at 332 S. Freeway (just west of downtown). Call 791-7676 to make an appointment. The cost is \$10 for all the tests you might need, including HIV/AIDS testing. If you don't have the money, they will still provide services for you.

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