

sex talk.

answers to your questions about sex and relationships

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Today, the student groups AIDS Safe & AALS will hold "A Day Without Art," covering pieces of campus artwork in honor of World AIDS Day on December 1st.

Q If I was having sex in a pool, and my partner ejaculated in the pool, is it still possible to get pregnant?

A. If he ejaculated in the pool (but not in you), chances of pregnancy are almost zero. Sperm would be unlikely to survive the water temperature and the chemicals in the pool. Free-floating semen would disperse, become diluted, and the sperm would not have the propulsion (nor navigational skills) to make their way into your vagina.

If he ejaculated inside of you while you were having sex in the pool, yes, you could certainly get pregnant. Sperm ejaculated during vaginal intercourse don't have far to travel from the top of the vagina, through the cervix, into the uterus and up the fallopian tubes (where fertilization usually takes place).

Q My boyfriend and I were fooling around last night... he is far too large to penetrate me, so we don't worry about using a condom right now, but the pre-ejaculation was on my labia and outer urethra. Is there any possibility whatsoever that I can become pregnant?

A. Yes, there is a small chance. Pre-ejaculate (the alkaline liquid that comes out of the penis when a man becomes aroused or excited) is produced by the Cowper's glands located near the top of the urethra. These glands don't produce sperm. However, while the fluid moves from the glands to exit the penis, it can pick up sperm remaining in the urethra from previous ejaculations. Urinating prior to fooling around (or having intercourse) can help to "flush" sperm that may survive in the urethra.

disease (STD) whenever you have intimate skin-to-skin contact. Possibilities include herpes, human papillomavirus (HPV), syphilis, and molluscum contagiosum.

The good news is that you can greatly reduce your risk of exposure with condom use. Condoms are an excellent method of birth control and, next to abstinence, one of the best ways to prevent STDs. Since you mentioned your boyfriend is somewhat large, check out the Campus Health Pharmacy.

You can buy popular Trojan "Magnum" condoms (larger sized) for just \$24.00 per 100.



While your pregnancy risk is low in the situation you describe, even without penetration you are at high risk for acquiring a sexually transmitted



Have a question? Send it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu

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