



## LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM

### WHAT IS *Lymphogranuloma venereum*?

*Lymphogranuloma venereum* (LGV) IS A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE (STD) OR INFECTION OF THE LYMPH GLANDS IN THE GENITAL AREA. IT IS CAUSED BY A SPECIFIC STRAIN OF ***Chlamydia***.

### WHO GETS LGV?

MOST CASES ARE SEEN AMONG SEXUALLY ACTIVE PEOPLE LIVING IN TROPICAL OR SUBTROPICAL CLIMATES. IT HAS ALSO OCCURRED IN SOME AREAS OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.

### HOW IS LGV SPREAD?

THE INFECTION IS SPREAD BY SEXUAL CONTACT.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF LGV?

THE FIRST SYMPTOM MAY BE A SMALL, PAINLESS PIMPLE OR LESION ON THE PENIS OR VAGINA. THE INFECTION THEN SPREADS TO THE LYMPH NODES IN THE GROIN AREA AND THEN ON TO OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY. GLANDS CAN BECOME INFLAMED AND MAY DRAIN AND BLEED.

### HOW SOON DO SYMPTOMS APPEAR?

SYMPTOMS APPEAR FROM THREE TO 30 DAYS AFTER INFECTION.

### WHEN AND FOR HOW LONG IS A PERSON ABLE TO SPREAD LGV?

A PERSON IS INFECTIOUS AS LONG AS THERE ARE STILL LESIONS ON THE BODY.

### WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR LGV?

TREATMENT INVOLVES THE USE OF MEDICATION.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF LGV?

TO BEST PREVENT THE SPREAD OF LGV:

- LIMIT YOUR NUMBER OF SEX PARTNERS.
- USE A MALE OR FEMALE CONDOM.