



About the Coalition

The National Chlamydia Coalition (NCC) addresses the continued high burden of chlamydia infection, especially among women age 24 and under, and strives to attain the overarching mission of reducing the rates of chlamydia and its harmful effects among sexually active adolescents and young adults. Coalition members are working together to achieve the following goals:

- ◆ Improve and protect the health of adolescents and young adults by increasing rates of chlamydia screening.
- ◆ Increase awareness of the importance of recommended chlamydia screening through public education.
- ◆ Encourage health care providers to increase screening rates.
- ◆ Advocate for policy changes to increase access and use of chlamydia screening and treatment services.
- ◆ Encourage research to enhance the prevention of chlamydia and its medical and social consequences.

Who We Are

This important initiative was established in January 2008 by Partnership for Prevention, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and eight founding organizations that make up the Steering Committee. The NCC is comprised of non-profit organizations, health care professional associations, advocacy groups, health insurers, and local, state, and federal government representatives. Four committees have been formed—public awareness, provider education, research, and policy & advocacy.

About Chlamydia

Chlamydia is a bacterial infection that is extremely common among adolescents and young adults. CDC estimates there are about 3 million new cases annually. Left untreated in women, chlamydia can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease which in turn can cause infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and other health concerns. It is easily detected with a urine-based screening test and treated with antibiotics. Treating sexual partners prevents re-infection. Yearly screening of all sexually active females age 24 and younger is widely recommended. The National Commission on Prevention Priorities ranked chlamydia screening as a high value clinical preventive service and estimated that if 90 percent of eligible women were screened, 30,000 cases of pelvic inflammatory disease could be prevented each year.

For more information visit www.prevent.org/NCC

National Chlamydia Coalition Members

- ◆ Advocates for Youth*
- ◆ Aetna
- ◆ American Academy of Pediatrics*
- ◆ American College Health Association
- ◆ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*
- ◆ American Medical Association
- ◆ American Social Health Association*
- ◆ Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
- ◆ California Chlamydia Action Coalition
- ◆ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- ◆ C.H.A.I.N. Reaction, Inc.
- ◆ Community Oriented Correctional Health Services
- ◆ Girls Inc.
- ◆ Guttmacher Institute
- ◆ Harlem Health Promotion Center and Project STAY
- ◆ Health Resources and Services Administration
- ◆ Infertility Prevention Project
- ◆ International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections
- ◆ Kaiser Permanente, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group
- ◆ Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- ◆ National Alliance for Hispanic Health
- ◆ National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
- ◆ National Assembly on School-based Health Care
- ◆ National Association of Community Health Centers
- ◆ National Association of County and City Health Officials
- ◆ National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
- ◆ National Cervical Cancer Coalition
- ◆ National Chlamydia Screening Programme (United Kingdom)
- ◆ National Coalition of STD Directors*
- ◆ National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
- ◆ National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation
- ◆ National Latina Health Network
- ◆ National Medical Association
- ◆ National Network of Prevention Training Centers
- ◆ National Partnership for Women and Families*
- ◆ Office of Adolescent Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- ◆ Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- ◆ Partnership for Prevention
- ◆ Pennsylvania Department of Health
- ◆ Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
- ◆ Planned Parenthood Federation of America*
- ◆ Project Red Talon, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- ◆ Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
- ◆ Sister Song
- ◆ Society for Adolescent Medicine
- ◆ The Black Women's Health Imperative*
- ◆ The Council of State Governments