

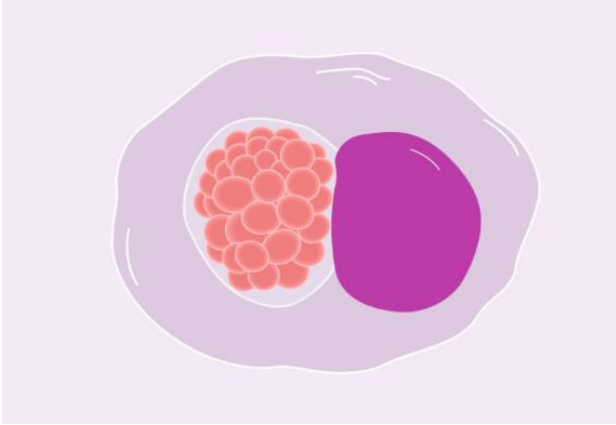
Sexually Transmitted Infections Program

Snohomish County Health Department

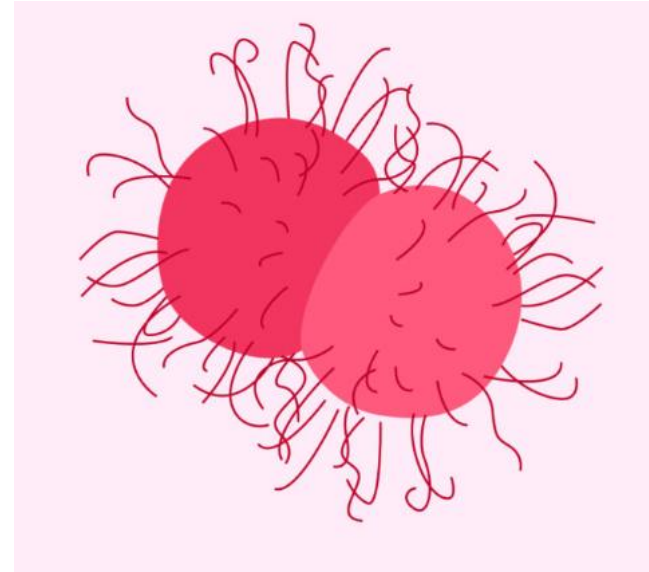


**SNOHOMISH
COUNTY** 
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Sexually Transmitted Infections



Chlamydia

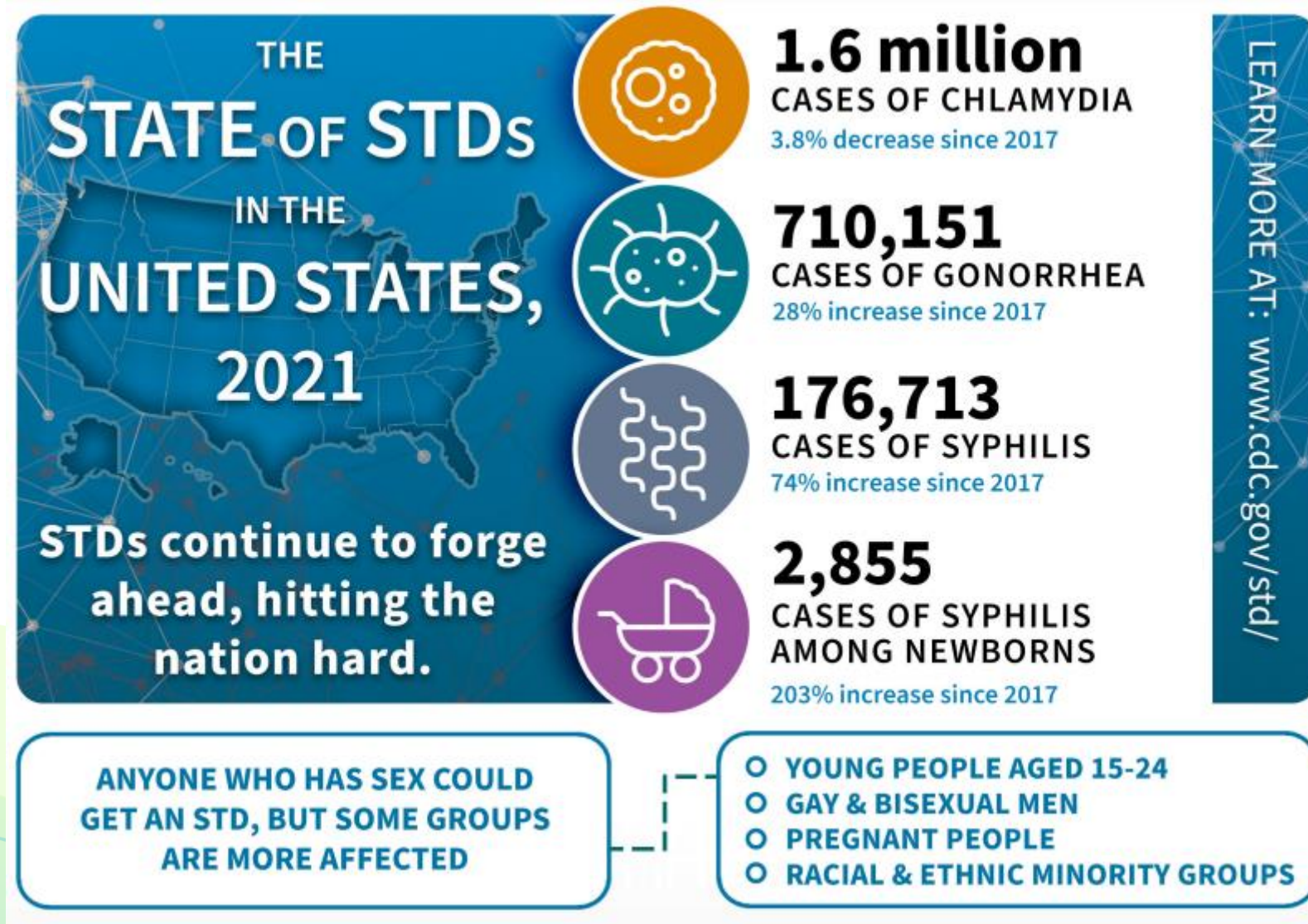


Gonorrhea



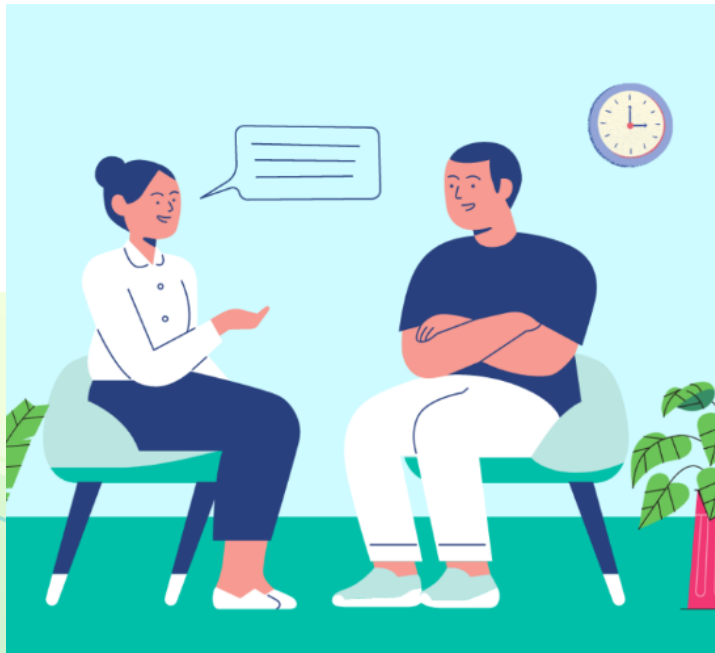
Syphilis

STD in the US



Our approach to stopping STIs

- Treat the person
- Stop the spread



Disease Intervention Specialists

- Receive reports of a new sexually transmitted infection from a provider or from our own testing
- Reach out to client to find out if they have been treated, ask who their partners are, provide them with options to get treated and get their partner(s) tested/treated
- For clients with new HIV diagnosis ensure they are connected to a healthcare provider for ongoing management
 - For those who may have fallen out of care – get them reconnected

LEFT UNTREATED, STDS CAN CAUSE:



**INCREASED RISK OF GIVING
OR GETTING HIV**

**LONG-TERM
PELVIC/ABDOMINAL PAIN**

**INABILITY TO GET PREGNANT OR
PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS**

STI Clinic

- Funding provided to pilot re-establishing STI clinical services at the Health Department
- Hired a 1.0 ARNP who will see clients here in coordination with our DIS
- Provides a safe space

Testing for STIs

- Chlamydia
 - Swab of areas where sexual activities occur, urine test
- Gonorrhea
 - Swab of areas where sexual activities occur, urine test
- Syphilis
 - Blood test
- HIV
 - Blood test



Why do we do what we do?

- We want to stop the spread of STIs in the county.
 - STIs are common—1 in 5 people in the US have an STI!
 - The most common symptom of an STI is no symptom at all.
 - People of all genders, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are living with STIs. They do not discriminate and there's no way a person can tell who has an STI just by looking at them or knowing their sexual history.

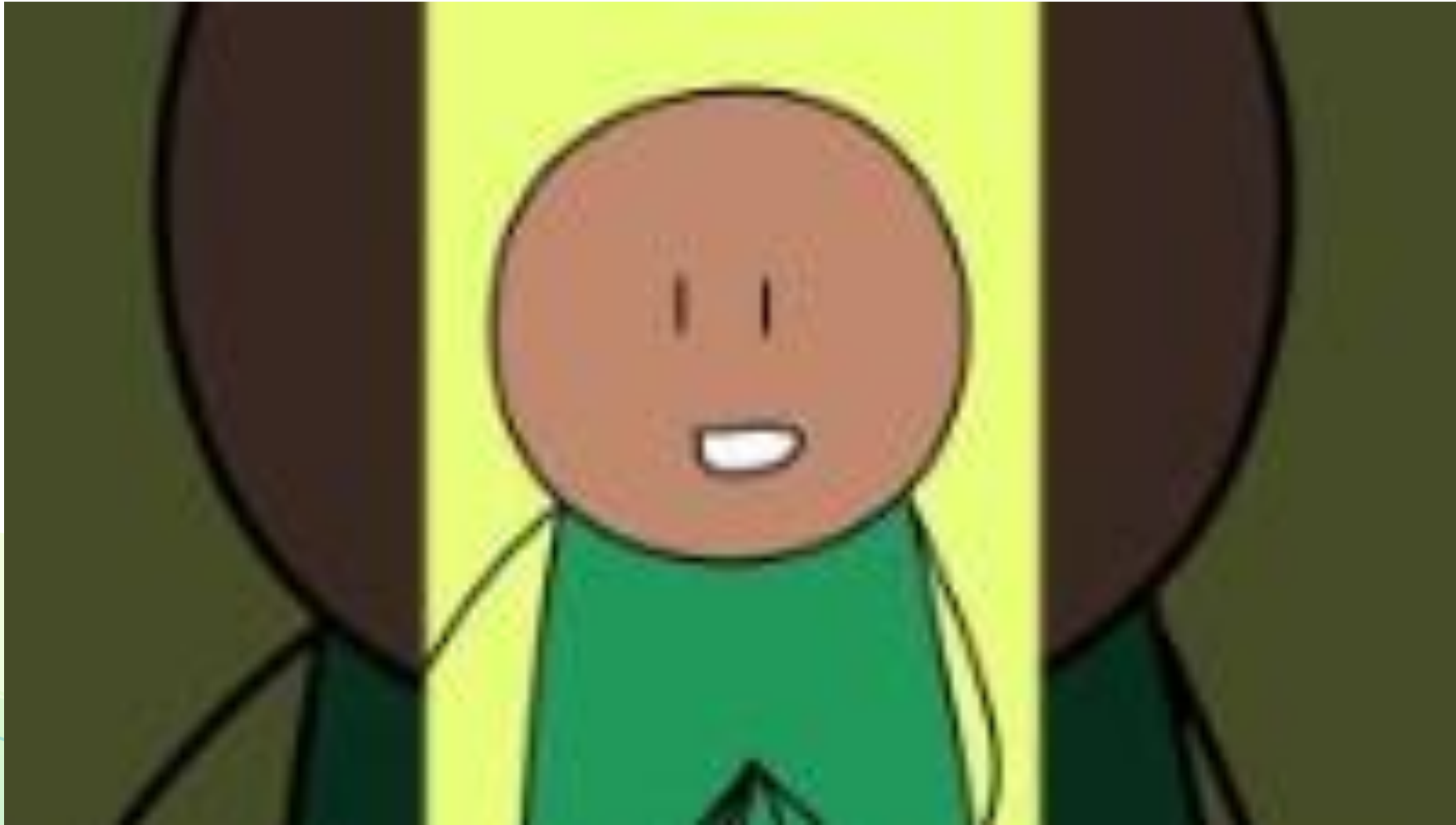
ARNP

As a nurse practitioner my job is also educating patients on safe and healthy sexual practices. My goal is to empower patients to take control of all aspects of their health and build a trustful rapport with the community.

I could go on and on... but really, I just feel appreciative of being able to provide this much needed service in Snohomish County. It gives me great joy to help those who are otherwise turned away for having no insurance or little access to healthcare.

- Lindsay Garcia-Greenwood

Stopping the stigma



Future

- Continue working to decrease the rates of STIs in Snohomish County
- Increase our ability to do testing and treatment at the Health Department
- Increased community based testing (jails, community centers)
- Continued partnership with schools to provide age appropriate education around sexual health



Questions?

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