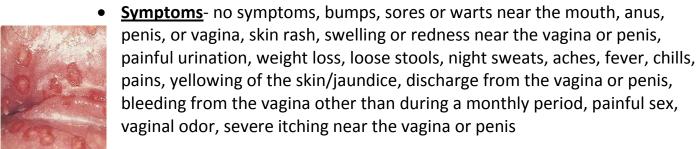
# **STD Screening**

#### What is it?

 <u>STD Screening</u> – STDs are diseases that are spread by having sex with someone who has an STD; can get by a sexual activity involving the anus, mouth, vagina, or penis

# **Signs and Symptoms:**



### **Recommendations:**

 <u>Reducing Your Risk</u>- wear a new condom each time you have sex, get regular check-ups



- Women- get a Pap test that collect sells from the cervix to test for cancer or precancerous changes; cervical cancer can as a result of HPV infection
- <u>Men</u>- suggest STD testing only if you have symptoms, unless you have sex with men then recommend annual testing for HIV, syphilis, Chlamydia and gonorrhea

#### Facts:

• <u>STDs</u>- are serious illnesses that require treatment, some STDs like AIDS and syphilis can be life-threatening if untreated and Chlamydia and gonorrhea can put you at greater risk for KIV and other STDs

## What can I do?

- See your Health Care Provider for more information
  - Get Tested if you are sexually active girl or woman under the age of 25 or over 25 if you have multiple partners, or have sex with a man
  - Gonorrhea and Chlamydia- can cause PID and can lead to infertility, increase your risk of acquiring STDs as HIV



