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STI Awareness

Key facts

- According to WIONEWS, SOUTH AFRICA HAS THE HIGHEST STD RATE (AUGUST 2023) - 37 272.5 PER 100K PEOPLE
- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO)- July 2023:
 - Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection is associated with over 311 000 cervical cancer deaths each year (2).
 - STIs have a direct impact on sexual and reproductive health through stigmatization, infertility, cancers and pregnancy complications and can increase the risk of HIV.
 - Drug resistance is a major threat to reducing the burden of STIs worldwide.

There are more than 20 types of STIs, including:

Chlamydia	HPV
Genital herpes	Pubic lice
Gonorrhoea	Syphilis
HIV	Trichomoniasis

What causes sexually transmitted infections (STIs)?
STIs can be caused by bacteria, viruses, and parasites.

Who is affected by sexually transmitted infections (STIs)?
Most STIs affect both men and women, but in many cases the health problems they cause can be more severe for women. If an STI is passed to a baby, it can cause serious health problems.

Do you as a parent discuss this with your children?