



Chlamydia rates rising

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A problem affecting many young Australians is the sexually transmissible infection chlamydia. Often unnoticed at first, it can have serious complications.

The rate of chlamydia notifications more than tripled over the last decade and the number of cases, at over 62,000 in 2009, was far higher than for any other infectious disease.

Young people aged 15–29 years account for over 80% of the cases. Notifications increased in both males and females, although there were about 50% more notifications for females than males.

Interestingly, the incidence rates of two other important sexually transmissible infections, HIV and gonorrhoea, were somewhat higher.

Notification rates of chlamydia: trend

