

Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections

Chancroid

Chancroid is a bacterial infection caused by *Haemophilus ducreyi* but is rarely seen in North Carolina. It is spread by sexual contact and results in genital ulcers. Chancroid is a risk factor in the transmission of HIV infection. Chancroid lesions may be difficult to distinguish from ulcers caused by genital herpes or syphilis and require a physician or APP diagnosis. The combination of a painful genital ulcer and tender suppurative inguinal adenopathy suggests the diagnosis of chancroid.

Chancroid can be treated effectively with one of several antibiotics. Successful treatment for chancroid cures the infection, resolves the clinical symptoms, and prevents transmission to others.

Chancroid is a reportable condition under N.C. Administrative Code.

For more information:

CDC STI Treatment Guidelines: [Chancroid - STI Treatment Guidelines](#)