Feelin' the Burn [1]

Week of:
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Ouch! Burning pee! Is this a urinary tract infection (UTI)? [2]

Alice,

I think I may have some kind of urinary tract infection. It came on very suddenly, about three nights ago. And when I pee, there is a burning sensation when my bladder has almost emptied. It's not an STD because I'm in a monogamous relationship, and yes, I'm sure! Please help.
Thank you.

— Burning Up

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Burning after sex without a condom [3]

Dear Alice,

A few months ago, my fiancé and I, after much consideration, decided to stop using condoms and rely only on the Pill as a contraceptive method. Since then, when he ejaculates inside my vagina, I frequently experience a strong burning sensation a few minutes afterward — varying in both degree and length each time. Could I be allergic to his semen? The pain sometimes subsides if I hold a wet cloth over the area. Sometimes, perhaps during a different part of my cycle, there is no discomfort. Does it have something to do with the pH level or something? It feels very chemical, somehow.

— Sex distressed

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Do I have a UTI? How do I know? [4]

Dear Alice,

For the second time this year, I have had a bout of what I think might be a u-tract infection, but I'm not sure if that's what it is. For about a week now I have had the urgency to urinate hundreds of times throughout the day, and could easily urinate every five minutes without problem. The bothersome thing is that, although I'm not incontinent, it is dripping a little and is therefore very unpleasant and awkward. I'm not experiencing any burning sensation, and I know that I'm not pregnant. Any advice? (I started drinking cranberry juice yesterday, thinking that might help I'm not exactly sure why).

Thanks,
Slightly embarrassed.

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Allergic to latex condoms [5]

Dear Alice,

What do you do if you are allergic to latex condoms? Do you just wait for the infection to disappear?

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What is bacterial vaginosis? [6]

Dear Alice,

What is bacterial vaginosis? What are the signs and symptoms? And how can it be cured?

Read more [6]

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