**White bumps on scrotum** [1]

Dear Alice,

I have these little white bumps on my scrotum. The last time I had sex was three months ago. I'm afraid they may be the result of a STD Please reply. Thank you.

**Answer**

Dear White Bumps,

Kudos for taking an active part in your health and trying to learn more about the ?white bumps.? Bumps and lumps ?down there? may be a completely harmless part of the general landscape of your penis and scrotum. They may also be symptoms of a sexually transmitted infection (STI ? synonymous with sexually transmitted disease). The best way to know is to see a health care provider, who would be able to provide you with more detailed information and a plan for dealing with them.

When it comes to bumps on the penis and scrotum, a number of possible causes exist, such as genital warts [2], pearly penile papules [3], and ingrown or inflamed hair follicles or sweat glands. Many of these may become more noticeable during times such as cold temperatures or during an erection. A whole range of additional possibilities may be found in the responses to White spots on penis and tight foreskin [3] and Bumps/lumps on penis [4] in the Sexual & Reproductive Health archive.

You seem worried that the white bumps may be a result of an STI that you may have contracted during the last time you had sex. For future reference, using a condom, in most cases, helps protect against STI transmission, but there are some instances in which STI transmission does occur even with condom [5] use. For more information, you may want to check out the responses to An explanation of condom failure rates [6], How to use a condom properly ? avoid breakage or slippage [7], and My partner's condom keeps coming off inside me ? why? [8] in the Go Ask Alice! archives.

To help you gain a full understanding of your ?white bumps? and some peace of mind, it's likely best to see a health care provider. Though you may be worried about the ?white bumps,? keep in mind that knowing more about what they may be can help you feel a lot less anxious. All the best!

Alice!

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