

syphilis

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syph·ilis *BrE* [ˈsɪfɪlɪs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈsɪfɪlɪs] ^ˈ **noun uncountable**

a disease that gets worse over a period of time, spreading from the sexual organs to the skin, bones, muscles and brain. It is caught by having sex with an infected person.

Derived Word ↑**syphilitic**

Word Origin:

[**syphilis syphilitic**] early 18th cent.: modern Latin, from **Syphilis**, *sive Morbus Gallicus*, the title of a Latin poem (1530), from the name of the character **Syphilus**, the supposed first sufferer of the disease.

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[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** Modern Latin; **Origin:** Syphilus, main character in the 16th-century poem *Syphilis sive Morbus Gallicus 'Syphilis or the French disease'* by Girolamo Fracastoro]

a very serious disease that is passed from one person to another during sexual activity

—**syphilitic** /ˌsɪfəˈlɪtɪk ˌ, ˌsɪfɪˈlɪtɪk ˌ/ **adjective**

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