

Penis problems - Q & A

This fact sheet lists a range of questions on the penis, which were posted by visitors to the Better Health Channel. Our experts provide the answers.

Q. I have had small lumps all over my penis for about four years and I don't know what to do. They don't hurt at all. I'm 17 years old and have never had sex.

There are many causes of harmless lumps on the penis. Many young men have a ring of small lumps around the rim of the penis, called pearly penile papules. These are normal, are not contagious and are not sexually transmitted. Another cause is enlargement of little cysts (sebaceous cysts) that some men have on their penis. If you haven't had sex, the lumps are likely to be due to one of these reasons. It would be a good idea to see a doctor.

Q. I'm worried about some lumps on my penis, but I'm too shy to go to my family doctor. Can anyone else help me?

Sometimes it's difficult to have the confidence to go to your regular doctor. Doctors at Family Planning Victoria and at the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre are experienced in this area and can offer you a free and confidential check.

Where to get help

- Your doctor
- Family Planning Victoria Tel. (03) 9257 0100
- Melbourne Sexual Health Centre Tel. (03) 9347 0244 or 1800 032 017

Want to know more?

Go to [More information](#) for support groups, related links and references.

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