Sexual Health Resources





Sexual health is an important part of overall health and well-being.



Sexual Health Resources in Waterloo Region

Birth Control:

- Hormonal methods of birth control and the IUD require a prescription from a Health Care Provider such as a Family Physician, a Nurse Practitioner, or a Physician at a walk-in-clinic
- Contraceptive foam and film can be bought at drug and grocery stores
- Health Services at Universities and Colleges can prescribe birth control
- Public Health will *only* see people 24 years of age and younger to prescribe birth control. They distribute birth control at a reduced cost.

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- Not all physicians will insert an IUD or an IUS, call the Sexual Health
 Options, Resources and Education (SHORE) Centre if you are
 having difficulties finding a provider for this procedure
- SHORE Centre does not prescribe or distribute birth control

Emergency Contraception (ECP):

You DO NOT need a prescription to purchase Emergency Contraception (ECP, Plan B, the morning after pill, NextChoice). It can be bought at most pharmacies for approximately \$40. It is also sold at Walmart for approximately \$28 and Costco for approximately \$21.

- Public Health distributes Emergency Contraception for \$15, unfortunately they are not open on weekends or on holidays and require an appointment
- Health Services at Universities and Colleges can distribute ECP

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FREE Condoms and Lube:

SHORE Centre – Sexual Health Options, Resources & Education

235 King Street East, Suite 130 Kitchener, ON N2G 4N5 519.743.9360 education@shorecentre.ca www.shorecentre.ca

The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area (ACCKWA)

639 King Street West, Unit 203 Kitchener, ON 519.570.3687 www.acckwa.com

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Free condoms can always be found at the places above, and are often found at:

- Phys. Ed. and Family Studies Departments in High Schools
- Health Services at most Universities and Colleges
- GLOW Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity at the University of Waterloo
- The Women's Centre at the University of Waterloo
- Wilfrid Laurier University Rainbow Centre
- Wilfrid Laurier University Centre for Women and Trans People

Pregnancy Testing:

- Health Care Providers such as Family Physicians and Physicians at walk-in clinics can provide pregnancy tests
- Pregnancy tests can be purchased at drug and grocery stores, these tests are extremely accurate
- SHORE Centre and Public Health provide pregnancy testing free of charge

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Abortion Care Services:

Please call the **SHORE Centre** for information on abortion services in Waterloo Region and the surrounding area.

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Pregnancy Support:

• **SHORE Centre** and **Public Health** will discuss *all* pregnancy options (parenting, adoption and abortion) and provide you with information and resources

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Monica Place Waterloo, for pregnant and parenting youth

231 Herbert Street Waterloo, ON 519.743.0291

Monica Place Cambridge, for pregnant and parenting youth

150 Ainslie Street, North Cambridge, ON 519.624.0481 www.monicaplace.ca

STI Testing

- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing can be performed by your Family Physician
- A Pap test does not necessarily include STI testing, if you are unsure if you have received STI testing ask your Health Care Provider
- Public Health provides STI testing for anyone in Waterloo Region, either by appointment or at their drop-in times

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There are also drop-in hours for STI testing in both Waterloo and Cambridge, call the above number for days and times

• **SHORE Centre** does not provide STI or HIV testing

HIV Testing:

• Free and confidential HIV testing (rapid testing and anonymous testing available) can be found at:

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Drop-in hours: Thursdays 4 - 7

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Hepatitis C Specific Services:

Sanguen Health Centre

29 Young Street East Waterloo, ON 519.603.0223 info@sanguen.com www.sanguen.com

Sexual Assault Support Services:

Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region (SASC)

151 Frederick Street, Suite 300 Kitchener, ON 519.571.0121 www.sascwr.org

24 Hour Support Line: 519.741.8633

Waterloo Region Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Treatment Centre

St. Mary's General Hospital 911 Queen's Boulevard Kitchener, ON

Cambridge Memorial Hospital 700 Coronation Boulevard Cambridge, ON

519.749.6994 www.keepingsafe.ca

Waterloo Regional Police Services

519.653.7700

Sexual Health Information

 Cervical screening (Pap test) is recommended every three years beginning at age 21 for anyone with a cervix who are, or have been, sexually active. Sexual activity includes anal, oral and vaginal intercourse, as well as digital intercourse (fingering) and sharing of sex toys, with a partner of any gender.

- People with a cervix who have not been sexually active by the age of 21 can delay cervical screening. For more information visit the Ontario Cervical Screening Program website
 www.cancercare.on.ca/cervical/home.html
- Breast self-exams should be conducted monthly. For more information about breast awareness and breast screening visit www.cbcf.org/ontario/breasthealth
- The Waterloo Wellington Breast Centre at Freeport Health Centre has a regional breast assessment service, as well as the Ontario Breast Screening Program

Waterloo Wellington Breast Centre

Freeport Health Centre 3570 King Street East Kitchener, ON 519.749.4270

- Testicular self-exams should be conducted monthly starting at puberty. Testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer in men between the ages of 15 and 29. For more information visit the Canadian Cancer Society at www.cancer.ca
- Only condoms help prevent pregnancy AND the spread of STIs, other forms of birth control only help prevent pregnancy
- Breast feeding is not a reliable form of birth control, you can get pregnant while breast feeding. Talk to your Health Care Provider about birth control options while breast feeding.
- The legal age of sexual consent in Canada is 16.

Sexual Health Internet Resources

Administered by, The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

sexandu.ca

menopauseandu.ca

endometriosisinfo.ca

hpvinfo.ca iwhp.ca – International Women's

Health Program

Taking Charge of Your Fertility

tcoyf.com

Ontario Midwives

aom.on.ca

Menstruation

divacup.com lunapads.com

HIV Support and Education

acckwa.com

Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region

sascwr.org

Waterloo Region Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Treatment Centre

www.keepingsafe.ca

Sexual Health

shorecentre.ca regionofwaterloo.ca/sexualhealth the-clitoris.com beautifulcervix.com womenshealthmatters.ca plannedparenthood.org

For more information contact:

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