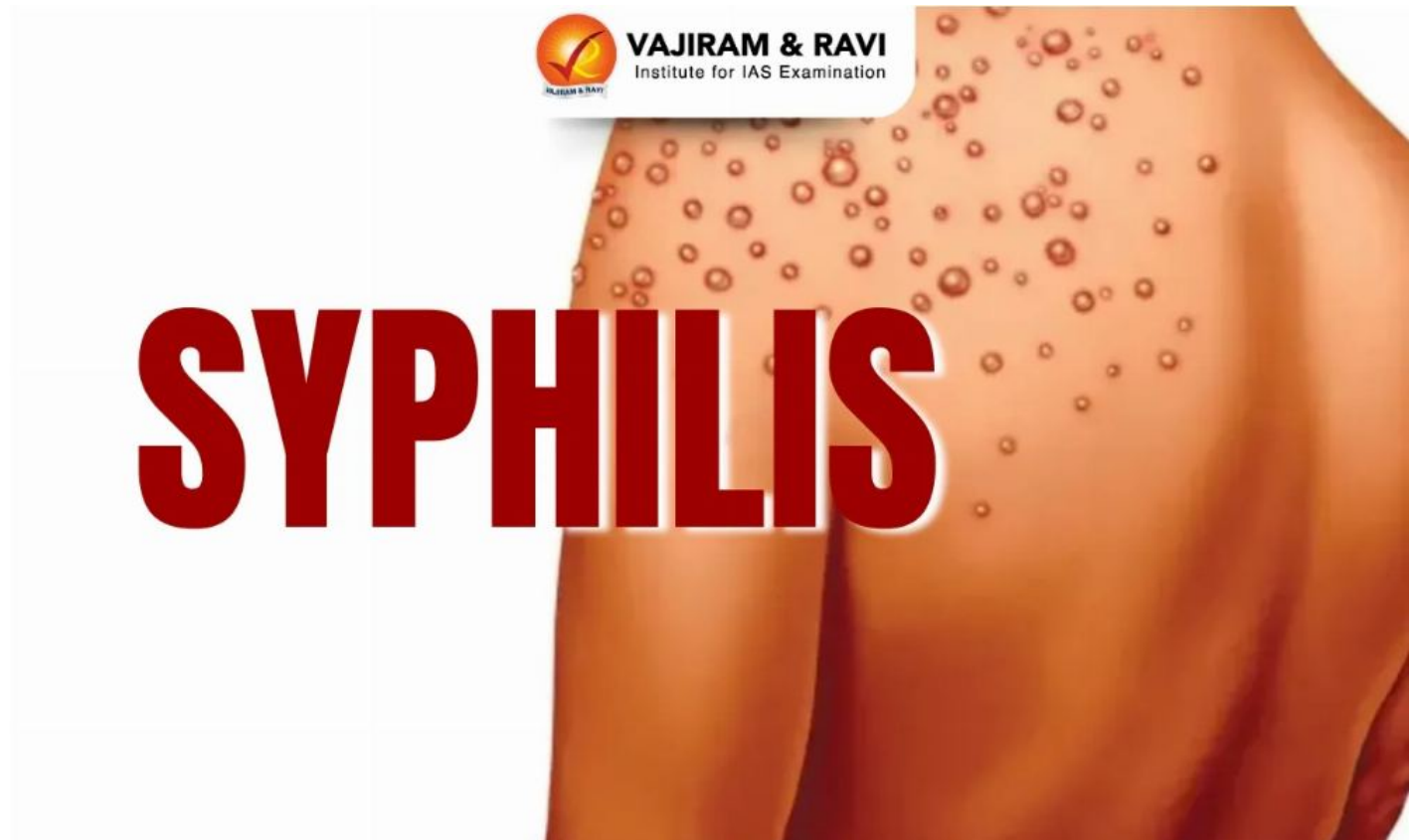


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Syphilis Latest News

The World Health Organization (WHO) has certified Denmark for the elimination of mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV and syphilis.

About Syphilis

- It is a preventable and curable **bacterial sexually transmitted infection** (STI).
- **Cause:** It is caused by the **bacteria, Treponema pallidum**.
- **Transmission**
 - People usually **get syphilis from sexual contact** with someone who has it.
 - People get it if any part of their body **touches the sore or rash of someone with syphilis**.
 - It **can also pass from mother to baby during pregnancy**, childbirth, and sometimes through breastfeeding.

Symptoms of Syphilis

- Syphilis develops in stages.
- The disease **starts as a sore** that's often painless and typically appears on the genitals, rectum, or mouth.
- Sometimes it **causes swelling in nearby lymph nodes**.
- Many people do not notice symptoms for years. Symptoms can go away and come back.
- Without treatment, syphilis can damage the heart, brain, or other organs.
- Syphilis in pregnancy, when not treated, treated late, or treated with the incorrect antibiotic, results in 50–80% of cases with adverse birth outcomes.

Treatment of Syphilis

- It is **easy to cure with antibiotics**, especially during the early stages.
- **Penicillin** is the most commonly used medication for syphilis.

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