THE U.S. IS EXPERIENCING STEEP, SUSTAINED INCREASES IN SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Combined diagnoses of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis increased sharply over the past five years

**Total Cases**
- Chlamydia: 1.7 million in 2017
- Gonorrhea: 2.3 million in 2017
- Syphilis: 76% increase from 2013 to 2017

**Diagnosed cases** of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis represent just a small fraction of the true disease burden.

**Undiagnosed STDs can lead to severe health problems**
- Diagnosed cases of these conditions can lead to severe, adverse effects.
- Left untreated, these STDs can produce severe, adverse effects: ectopic pregnancy, infertility, increased HIV risk.

**Continued concerns about antibiotic resistant gonorrhea**
- Gonorrhea is expected to eventually wear down our last highly effective antibiotic.
- Lab tests show a small but growing fraction of gonorrhea samples have signs of emerging antibiotic resistance.
- CDC recommends a two-drug combination to preserve our last highly effective antibiotic.

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