



Is Monkeypox a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)?

No, monkeypox is not considered an STI or an STD, but intimate physical contact, like sex, is one way it can spread. Monkeypox is transmitted in the following ways:

- Direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids
- Respiratory droplets during prolonged, face-to-face contact or during intimate physical contact, like hugging, cuddling, or sex
- Touching items (like clothing or bedding) that previously touched the rash or body fluids of someone with monkeypox
- Being scratched or bitten by infected animals, or eating meat or using products from infected animals

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