

# TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME (TSS)

## Know the Facts

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## WHAT IS IT?

TSS is a very rare but very serious illness that can develop rapidly in anyone.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

**Anyone:** men, women and children. Young people are more at risk as they may not yet have developed sufficient antibodies.

## CAUSES

A toxin produced by a common bacterium. TSS can occur following local infections such as those caused by burns, scalds, insect bites and wounds.

TSS has also been associated with menstruation and tampon use. If you use tampons be sure you read the leaflet contained in the pack which gives instructions for use and details of TSS.

## SYMPTOMS

High fever • vomiting • diarrhoea • muscle aches • rash • dizziness • confusion.

## TREATMENT

TSS can be treated effectively with early diagnosis.

## IF YOU SUSPECT TSS

- See a doctor or visit your local Accident & Emergency department immediately.
- If you are using a tampon remove it and tell your doctor.