Urethral infection with Haemophilus ducreyi in men

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Abstract:

Carriage of Haemophilus ducreyi has not been adequately investigated in men, and its role in urethritis is unknown. In this study 456 men with H. ducreyi-culture positive genital ulcers were investigated. Among these men, 16 (3.5%) had urethritis. H. ducreyi was isolated from the urethra of nine men (1.9%). Of 57 men who had chancroid but not urethritis, none had H. ducreyi isolated from the urethra. Of 106 patients presenting with only acute urethritis, H. ducreyi was found in one. We conclude that H. ducreyi is responsible for acute urethritis in men, but that it rarely, if ever, can be cultured from the urethra of men with chancroid who do not have symptomatic urethritis.