

Long  
time no  
syphilis

Yorkshire  
MESMAC



---

# Syphilis- A little bit more



---

# A quick recap

- The bacterium name for Syphilis is Treponema Pallidum
  - Syphilis can be acquired through sexual contact
  - Congenital Syphilis is passed on from pregnant parent to unborn child
  - There are three stages of Syphilis, the secondary stage is the most infectious
-

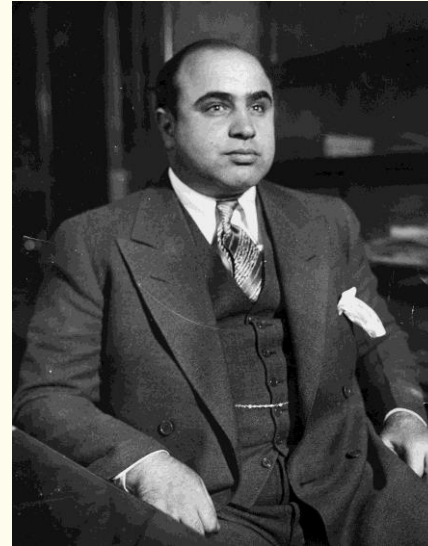


---

# A History of Syphilis

- Historically, Syphilis was named after countries at war with each other
    - Italian Sickness
    - French Sickness
    - Spanish Sickness
    - Etc.
  - Syphilis was spread through wars – high concentration of people in one small area
  - Thought of as a consequence of a dirty/immoral lifestyle
-

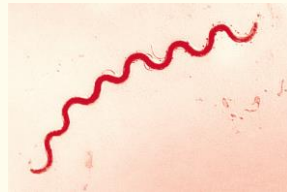
Long  
time  
no  
syphilis



# A Syphilis Timeline



1500s



1905



1923



1943

# Thank science for Penicillin!



- Penicillin was found to treat Syphilis in 1943
- Syphilis is showing no resistance to penicillin
- Penicillin is **STILL** the most effective way of treating Syphilis!









- 
- Syphilis can often be treated with one shot to the bum cheek
  - The sooner Syphilis is found, the easier treatment is likely to be!
  - If an injection can't be given, a course of antibiotics can be used instead
  - Syphilis that has entered latent stage or stage 3 may require extra treatment for illnesses caused by Syphilis

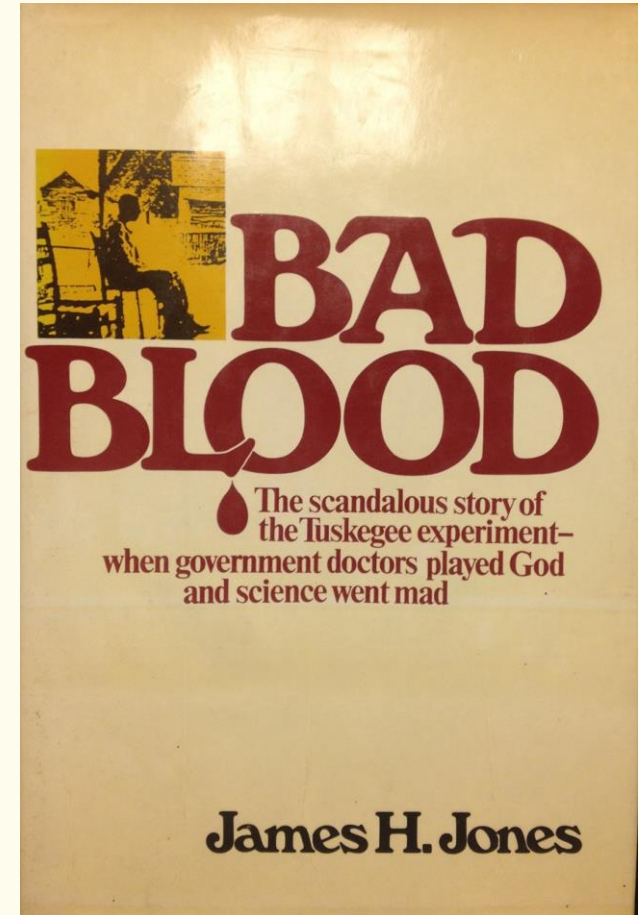
**Syphilis can still be passed on two weeks after treatment!**

---

# The Tuskegee Study



- 1932 – 1972
- ‘The Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male’
- 600 participants - 399 had syphilis
- None were treated for Syphilis but were told they had ‘bad blood.’
- When penicillin was found to treat syphilis, these men were refused access to that treatment



# Break out

---



- Take 20 mins to discuss the history of Syphilis
  - What did you know already?
  - What are you surprised to hear?
  - Why do you think Syphilis is back?
-

# The rise of Syphilis

---



- PrEP/PEP/HIV meds
  - Taking STIs less seriously
  - A different moral attitude to multiple sexual partners
  - Poorer sexual health funding
  - “Syphilis was a thing of the past”
-



---

# Q&A time





---

# Next time...

- The control and prevention of Syphilis
- Testing
- Partner notification

