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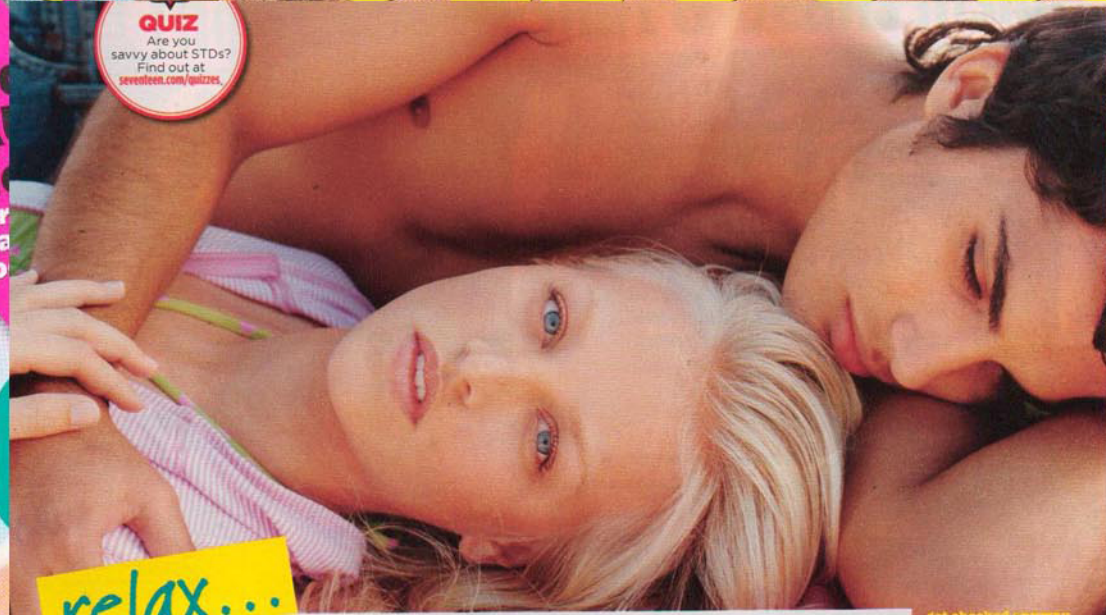
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Are you savvy about STDs? Find out at seventeen.com/quizzes.

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relax...

it's not an std!

get checked anyway
Up to 80 percent of sexually active women get an STD at some point, so ask your doc to screen you yearly.

Even virgins get freaked out when something is wrong down there. **BY** melissa daly

SYMPTOM	IT'S PROBABLY:	HOW TO FIX IT:	SMALL CHANCE IT'S:
"It burns when I pee."	a urinary tract infection Wiping or sex can cause normal vaginal or anal bacteria to enter the urethra (where you pee) and cause infection if not flushed out by urine.	get antibiotics See your doctor for the meds. For the burning, take OTC pills like Unistat. To prevent UTIs drink lots of fluids, don't "hold it," and pee after sex.	chlamydia or gonorrhea These STDs could also make it hurt to pee, but more often they don't have any symptoms (so get screened annually if you're sexually active).
"I have bumps on my labia."	ingrown hairs or blocked pores Both public-hair follicles and sweat glands can get stopped up and form pimplelike bumps, especially if you've recently shaved or waxed.	clear pores Treat the bumps with a product containing salicylic acid, like Tend Skin, to open pores. To prevent, use an antibiotic cream after removing hair.	genital warts or herpes Your bumps would be really painful or itchy if they were herpes; warts would be raised and flat. If that's the case, see your doctor for treatment.
"My vulva is itchy and"	an allergy or a yeast infection Your skin may be sensitive to your soap, laundry detergent, or condoms.	take an antihistamine For relief, try Benadryl and a vaginal-itch cream, like Vagisil; prevent it with	trichomoniasis Strong, fishy odor or unusual discharge? Get tested for this (or

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