



Search Mayo Clinic

Request an Appointment
Find a Doctor
Find a Job
Give Now

Log in to Patient Account
Translated Content

- PATIENT CARE & HEALTH INFO
- DEPARTMENTS & CENTERS
- RESEARCH
- EDUCATION
- FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
- PRODUCTS & SERVICES
- GIVING TO MAYO CLINIC

Appointments at Mayo Clinic

Mayo Clinic offers appointments in Arizona, Florida and Minnesota and at Mayo Clinic Health System locations.

[Request Appointment](#)

Diseases and Conditions

Pinworm infection

REVIEWED

By Chris Tighe at 12:48 pm, May 17, 2016

Print

- Basics
- In-Depth
- Multimedia
- Resources

- Definition
- Symptoms
- Causes
- Risk factors
- Complications
- Preparing for your appointment
- Tests and diagnosis
- Treatments and drugs
- Prevention

Products and services



Free E-newsletter

Subscribe to Housecall

Our general interest e-newsletter keeps you up to date on a wide variety of health topics.

[Sign up now](#)

Complications

By Mayo Clinic Staff

Typical pinworm infections don't cause serious problems. In rare circumstances, heavy infestations can cause infection of female genitals.

The parasite can travel from the anal area up the vagina to the uterus, fallopian tubes and around the pelvic organs. This can cause problems such as inflammation of the vagina (vaginits) and inflammation of the inner lining of the uterus (endometritis).

- [← Risk factors](#)
- [Preparing for your appointment →](#)

Share Tweet

April 08, 2015

[References](#) ▾

Products and Services

- Newsletter: [Mayo Clinic Health Letter](#)
- Book: [Mayo Clinic Family Health Book, 4th Edition](#)

See also

- [Insomnia](#)
- [Lack of sleep: Can it make you sick?](#)

Advertisement

Mayo Clinic is a not-for-profit organization. Proceeds from website advertising help support our mission. Mayo Clinic does not endorse non-Mayo products and services.

Advertising & Sponsorship
[Policy](#) | [Opportunities](#)

Mayo Clinic Store

Check out these best-sellers and special offers on books and newsletters from Mayo Clinic.

- [The Menopause Solution – NEW!](#)
- [Mayo Clinic on Arthritis](#)
- [The Mayo Clinic Handbook for Happiness](#)
- [Recipes for Healthy Living](#)
- [The Mayo Clinic Diet Online](#)

Other Topics in Patient Care & Health Info

- [Healthy Lifestyle](#)
- [Symptoms A-Z](#)
- [Diseases and Conditions A-Z](#)
- [Tests and Procedures A-Z](#)

[Drugs and Supplements A-Z](#)

[Appointments](#)

[Patient and Visitor Guide](#)

[Patient Online Services](#)

[Home](#) > [Diseases & Conditions](#) > [Pinworm infection](#) > [Basics](#) > [Complications](#)

CON-20027072

[REQUEST APPOINTMENT](#)

[GIVE NOW](#)

[CONTACT US](#)

[ABOUT MAYO CLINIC](#)

[EMPLOYEES](#)

[SITE MAP](#)

[ABOUT THIS SITE](#)

Any use of this site constitutes your agreement to the [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) linked below.

[Terms and Conditions](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Notice of Privacy Practices](#)

A single copy of these materials may be reprinted for noncommercial personal use only. "Mayo," "Mayo Clinic," "MayoClinic.org," "Mayo Clinic Healthy Living," and the triple-shield Mayo Clinic logo are trademarks of Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research.



We comply with the HONcode standard for trustworthy health information: [verify here](#).