

# Screening test for syphilis bacterium (T. pallidum)

**Syphilis is an infectious disease caused by the spirochete *Treponema pallidum*.**

The source of infection is an infected person and transmission is primarily sexual. The infection starts with a painless ulcer forming at the entry site of the pathogen, an untreated infection will progress. Syphilis diagnosis starts with a screening test. If the screening test result is “Referred for confirmation”, a confirmative test is necessary. After having syphilis, the antibodies remain for years.