#### **Anejaculation or Delayed Ejaculation**

**Evaluation** 

Orgasmic and Non orgasmic ejaculation

Vibrator therapy

Anejaculation

Delayed ejaculation — sometimes called impaired ejaculation — is a condition in which it takes an extended period of sexual stimulation for men to reach sexual climax and release semen from the penis (ejaculate). Some men with delayed ejaculation are unable to ejaculate at all.

Delayed ejaculation can be temporary or a lifelong problem. Possible causes of delayed ejaculation include certain chronic health conditions, surgeries and medications. Treatment for delayed ejaculation depends on the underlying cause.

It's normal for men to have delayed ejaculation from time to time. Delayed ejaculation is only a problem if it's ongoing or causes stress for you or your partner.

Some men with delayed ejaculation need 30 minutes or more of sexual stimulation to have an orgasm and ejaculate. Other men might not be able to ejaculate at all (anejaculation).

But, there's no specific time that indicates a diagnosis of delayed ejaculation. Instead, you are probably experiencing delayed ejaculation if the delay is causing distress or frustration, or if you have to stop sexual activity due to fatigue, physical irritation, loss of erection or a request from your partner.

Often, men might have difficulty reaching orgasm during sexual intercourse or other sexual activities with a partner. Some men can ejaculate only when masturbating.

Delayed ejaculation is divided into the following types based on symptoms:

- Lifelong vs. acquired. With lifelong delayed ejaculation, the problem is
  present from the time of sexual maturity. Acquired delayed ejaculation
  occurs after a period of normal sexual functioning.
- **Generalized vs. situational.** Generalized delayed ejaculation isn't limited to certain sex partners or certain kinds of stimulation. Situational delayed ejaculation occurs only under certain circumstances.

These categories help in diagnosing an underlying cause and determining what might be the most effective treatment.

#### Causes

Delayed ejaculation can result from medications, certain chronic health conditions and surgeries. Or it might be caused by substance misuse or a mental health concern, such as depression, anxiety or stress. In many cases, it is due to a combination of physical and psychological concerns.

Psychological causes of delayed ejaculation include:

- Depression, anxiety or other mental health conditions
- Relationship problems due to stress, poor communication or other concerns
- Anxiety about performance
- Poor body image
- Cultural or religious taboos
- Differences between the reality of sex with a partner and sexual fantasies

Medications and other substances that can cause delayed ejaculation include:

- Some antidepressants
- Certain high blood pressure medications
- Certain diuretics
- Some antipsychotic medications

- Some anti-seizure medications
- Alcohol particularly drinking too much (excessive alcohol use or alcoholism)

Physical causes of delayed ejaculation include:

- Certain birth defects affecting the male reproductive system
- Injury to the pelvic nerves that control orgasm
- Certain infections, such as a urinary tract infection
- Prostate surgery, such as transurethral resection of the prostate or prostate removal
- Neurological diseases, such as diabetic neuropathy, stroke or nerve damage to the spinal cord
- Hormone-related conditions, such as low thyroid hormone level (hypothyroidism) or low testosterone level (hypogonadism)
- Retrograde ejaculation, a condition in which the semen goes backward into the bladder rather than out of the penis

For some men, a minor physical problem that causes a delay in ejaculation might cause anxiety about ejaculating during a sexual encounter. The resulting anxiety might worsen delayed ejaculation.

### Risk factors

A number of things can increase your risk of having delayed ejaculation, including:

- Older age as men age, it's normal for ejaculation to take longer
- Psychological conditions, such as depression or anxiety
- Medical conditions, such as diabetes or multiple sclerosis
- Certain medical treatments, such as prostate surgery
- Medications, particularly certain antidepressants, high blood pressure medications or diuretics
- Relationship problems, such as poor communication with your partner
- Excessive alcohol use, especially if you're a long-term heavy drinker

# Complications

Complications of delayed ejaculation can include:

- Diminished sexual pleasure for you and your partner
- Stress or anxiety about sexual performance
- Marital or relationship problems due to an unsatisfactory sex life
- Inability to get your partner pregnant (male infertility)

Tests for underlying problems can include:

- **Physical exam.** This might include careful examination of your penis and testicles. The doctor will use light touch to make sure you have normal sensation in your genitals.
- Blood tests. Your health care provider might take a blood sample and send it to a lab to check for signs of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, a low testosterone level and other health problems.
- Urine tests (urinalysis). Urine tests are used to look for signs of diabetes, infection and other underlying health conditions.

#### **Treatment**

Delayed ejaculation treatment depends on the underlying cause, but it might include taking a medication or making changes to medications you currently take, undergoing psychological counseling, or addressing alcohol or illegal drug use.

#### Psychological counselling (psychotherapy)

Psychotherapy can help by addressing underlying mental health problems leading to delayed ejaculation, such as depression or anxiety. It's also used to address psychological issues that directly affect your ability to ejaculate.

Counseling might involve seeing a psychologist or mental health counselor on your own or along with your partner. Depending on the underlying cause, you might benefit most from seeing a sex therapist — a mental health counselor who specializes in talk therapy for sexual problems. The type of counseling that's best for you will depend on your particular concerns.

## **Vibrator Therapy**

Anejaculation is usually due to very high threshold of stimulation required by the male to reach orgasm and hence ejaculate naturally. This amount of stimulation is not achieved via natural intercourse. Vibrator stimulation helps reach this threshold earlier so that ejaculation takes place.

2 -3 sessions of vibrator therapy in the clinic initially and trial at home is required to achieve the desired result

This is also particularly helpful in situational anejaculation, when the male cannot ejaculate during the fertile period or while giving sample.



#### **Medications**

If you're taking medication that might be causing delayed ejaculation, reducing the dose of a medication or switching medications might fix the problem. Sometimes, adding a medication might help.

There aren't any drugs that have been specifically approved for the treatment of delayed ejaculation. Medications used to treat delayed ejaculation are primarily used to treat other conditions.

Medications sometimes used to treat delayed ejaculation include:

- Amantadine, a Parkinson's medication
- Buspirone, an anti-anxiety medication
- Cyproheptadine, an allergy medication