# INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS "Mono"

## **WHAT IS MONO?**

Infectious mononucleosis, also called "mono," is a contagious disease. Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) is the most common cause of mono, but other viruses can also cause this disease.

# WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

Mono is common among teenagers and young adults. At least one in four teenagers and young adults who get infected with EBV will develop mono.

# **HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE IT?**



Extreme fatigue



Fever



Sore throat



Head and body aches

# **HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?**



Do not kiss a person with mono.



Do not share food and drinks.



Do not share items, like lip balms and toothbrushes.



Wash used dishes and eating utensils.

# TREATMENT TIPS

You can help relieve symptoms of mono by:

- Drinking fluids to stay hydrated,
- Getting plenty of rest, AND
- Taking over-the-counter medications for pain and fever.

## WHEN TO ASK A DOCTOR?

Talk to your doctor if you have:

- · Severe belly pain, confusion, or dizziness,
- Prolonged symptoms, OR
- · Other unusual symptoms.







