

**Question 43 – Week of June 3**

46 year old M presents with several weeks of severe anorectal pain, hematochezia, difficulty urinating. He has had recent unprotected intercourse with several new partners. Review of symptoms is notable for a sensation of numbness in his groin and inner thighs. What is the most likely cause of his symptoms?

- A. Syphilis
- B. Gonorrhea
- C. Chlamydia
- D. HPV
- E. HSV

**Answer: E**

All of these except HPV can cause proctitis. HSV is notable for causing neuropathy, thus the paresthesia in saddle distribution.

Reference:

Goodell SE, et al. Herpes simplex virus proctitis in homosexual men. Clinical, sigmoidoscopic, and histopathological features. *N Engl J Med.* 1983 Apr 14;308(15):868-71.