When can I have sex again?
You must not have sex (this includes oral sex and sex with condoms) until both you and your partner have taken all your antibiotic treatment and your skin has completely healed.

What happens if my chancroid is left untreated?
Complications of untreated chancroid are seen more often in men than in women. Tightening of the foreskin (phimosis) can occur. Large boils (abscesses) sometimes develop in the lymph glands.

Can you catch chancroid again?
Yes you can.
To prevent this make sure that your partner is treated before you have sex with them.
Protect yourself with new partners by using a condom for all anal, oral and vaginal sex.
If you meet a new partner make sure that you both have a full sexual health screen before you have sex without condoms.

Chancroid in pregnancy
Chancroid can occur in pregnant women, but there is no evidence that it harms the baby.

More information:
http://www.bashh.org/guidelines
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How do I get tested for Chancroid?
Swabs are taken from an ulcer by the doctor or nurse and sent to the laboratory for testing. Sometimes a piece of the ulcer is taken and sent for examination under a microscope. The results of these tests may take a few weeks to come back. You will be told about how you will get your results before you leave the clinic.

How is chancroid treated?
Chancroid is easily treated with antibiotics, usually tablets, sometimes by injection. All treatment from sexual health clinics is given to you in the clinic, free of charge.

Important information about your treatment
The antibiotics are highly effective if you take them correctly.

What about my partner?
As chancroid is an STI it is important that your partner is tested for chancroid and other STIs too. Partners will usually be given treatment even if they have no ulcers.

If you wish, the clinic can contact your partners for you without mentioning your name.