



Bacterial Vaginosis by PCR, Vaginal Swab / BD Affirm Kit

Methodology

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

This panel tests for the DNA of: *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Candida species*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*

This test is performed in the Microbiology lab of Memorial Hospital Central and North, 24 hrs a day.

Physician Office Specimen Requirements

Collect vaginal fluid using a **BD Affirm VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System kit**. Collect vaginal sample from the posterior fornix. Lubricants should not be used during specimen collection.

Physician Office Specimen Transport Temperature

Room Temperature; Specimen stability is 72 hours. If collected on Friday afternoon, call for a stat pickup. Sample must be tested within 3 days of specimen collection.

Day(s) Test Set Up

Monday through Sunday; Turnaround time: 1 hr after receipt into Microbiology lab

Note: This test can also be performed on a thin prep pap vial. Mark the Cytopathology Requisition Form for Bacterial Vaginosis PCR and the test will be sent to a reference lab on your behalf.