

VAGINITIS, BACTERIAL

(*Gardnerella* Vaginitis; Nonspecific Vaginitis)

BASIC INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Vaginitis means infection or inflammation of the vagina. Nonspecific vaginitis (bacterial vaginosis) implies that any of several infecting germs, including *Gardnerella*, *Escherichia coli*, *Mycoplasma*, streptococci, or staphylococci, have caused the infection. These infections are contagious. Vaginitis can affect all ages, but most often occurs during reproductive years.

FREQUENT SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Severity of the following symptoms varies between women and from time to time in the same woman.

- Vaginal discharge that has an unpleasant odor.
- Genital swelling, burning and itching.
- Vaginal discomfort.
- Change in vaginal color from pale pink to red.
- Discomfort during sexual intercourse.

CAUSES

The germs normally present in the vagina can multiply and cause infection when the pH and hormone balance of the vagina and surrounding tissue are disturbed. *E. coli*

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