



VAGINA, INITIAL PRESENTATION  
VAGINA FOR CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY  
TRICHOMONAS, YEAST, BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS  
(Vag initial, Chronic Vaginitis, Recurrent Vaginitis, Vag C&S, Trich, BV, Yeast)

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SPECIMEN TYPE: Vaginal swab

CONTAINER TYPE: Copan Swab: Amies Clear Gel (red top)

INFORMATION: For inquiries, contact Valley Medical Laboratories at 250-763-4813.

**BEFORE COLLECTION:**

- Swab should be taken prior to the starting of antibiotics if possible.
- If vaginitis is chronic or recurrent, or if Trichomonas is suspected, two swabs of the same type must be collected. Collect both at the same time.
- Consider the following before collecting samples, as delays in transport may affect results or acceptability of samples:
  - » Samples must be returned to the lab during regular hours (e.g. don't collect on a Saturday)
  - » Samples should be returned to the laboratory within 12 hours

**COLLECTION PROCEDURE:**

1. No lubricant should be used.
2. Insert the swab deep into the vagina, rotating the swab.
3. Return swab to plastic sleeve and close firmly.
4. Ensure swab is labeled with the following information:
  - a. Full name
  - b. Date of Birth and/or Health Care Number
  - c. Ordering Physician
  - d. Site of collection (Vagina)
  - e. Date and time of collection

**STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION:**

- Store at room temperature, or refrigerated (4°C)
- Deliver to the laboratory within 12 hours. Delays in transport may affect results or acceptability of samples.