



# CLIENT UPDATE

Molecular testing for vaginitis / vaginosis

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Salem Health Laboratories is pleased to announce implementation of a highly sensitive and specific molecular assay for the detection and identification of the three most common pathogens associated with vaginitis / vaginosis. The **BD Affirm VPIII Microbial Identification Test** is a DNA probe test which detects *Trichomonas vaginalis* and clinically significant levels of *Candida yeast* and *Gardnerella vaginalis*.

The test is 30% more sensitive than microscopy and specimen stability is up to 72 hours at room temperature and require use of the *Affirm VPIII Ambient Temperature Transport System (ATTS)*. Collection swabs can be obtained through Supply Chain Services (stock #7639) for hospital based collections, and through Client Services (503-561-5390) for outpatient services. In order to insure proper specimen collection, please carefully follow the collection instructions on the ATTS collection device package.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For stat orders, due to the multi-step nature of the procedure, turn around times will be 45-60 minutes AFTER receipt of the sample in the laboratory. Routine results will be available within four hours of receipt in the laboratory.

Wet Mounts will no longer be available.

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