

Patient Counseling Information Gynecology Pathology Report

Patient Name: Patient Name

Date of Testing: Testing Date

Birth Date: Patient Birth Date

Social Security #: Patient Social Security #

Your Pathology Test Result

Trichomonas vaginalis

Pathologist Description of Your Diagnosis

Trichomonas vaginalis is an inflammation of the vaginal canal caused by a protozoan (microscopic organism). In the United States, an estimated 6 million men and women are infected with *Trichomonas vaginalis* annually. Common symptoms of *T. vaginalis* infection in women include vaginal itching, irritation, dysuria, and an odorous vaginal discharge containing bubbles; however, up to 50 percent of these infections are asymptomatic (without symptoms). Trichomoniasis affects women during pregnancy as well. However, it is not clearly established whether it causes preterm birth and other pregnancy complications. Contracting the organism from baths, moist toilet seats and towels cannot be ruled out. The vaginal opening is red and sore and intercourse and urination can be painful.

Your Options For Treatment

Treatment should be implemented under medical supervision, and should include all sexual partners of the infected persons. The drug of choice for treatment is metronidazole (if you are not allergic to it); therapy is usually highly successful.

Patients' Frequently Asked Questions

- What causes Trichomonas vaginalis?
- Should my sexual partner(s) also be treated?
- Is there a danger of spreading this to my unborn baby?
- How long does it take to become cured?
- Can I get infected again after treatment?

Suggestions For Your Gynecological Health Maintenance

Don't Miss Your Follow Up Appointments

Always use condoms during any sexual activity

Take your medication as prescribed by your doctor

Additional Gynecology Patient Resources and Support

National Cancer Institute – 800-4 CANCER
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/003911.htm
www.ascp.org/general/pub_resources/pap/obtained.asp
www.nmmc.com/nmhc/library/htm/papsmear.htm www.graylab.ac.uk/cancernet/600516.html
www.obgyn.uic.edu/onc/papsmear.htm
www.ama-assn.org/special/std/support/educate/stdhpv.htm
<http://content.health.msn.com/content/article/3724.524>
www.vh.org/Patients/IHB/ObGyn/PapSmear.html
American Cancer Society – 800-ACS-2345

This report is provided to help you understand your pathology test result and to review your treatment options. Other treatment options and additional information may also be available. Please consult your doctor with any questions you may have. Only you and your doctor can decide which treatment is best for your condition based on your medical history and condition.

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