



NOTICE

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Dear Valued Clients:

Foundation Laboratory is pleased to announce the addition of BD Affirm VPIII for the detection of three infectious agents that are responsible for up to 95% of infectious vaginitis cases: *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Candida* species, and *Trichomonas vaginalis*.

- *Gardnerella vaginalis* is the most common agent causing vaginitis/vaginosis.
- *Candida* species is the second most common agent -due to yeast/fungal infection; this is often incorrectly assumed to be the most common cause of infectious vaginitis.
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* is the least common agent -a sexually transmitted disease due to a parasiticinfection.

Detection thresholds as published in the Affirm VPIII package insert:

- *Gardnerella vaginalis* - 2 X 10⁵ - CFU/mL
- *Candida* species - 1 X 10⁴ - CFU/mL
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* - 5 X 10³ - Trichomonads/mL

Once the transport reagent is added to the collection, the specimen can be stable for up to 72 hours at ambient temperature (15-30 C) or refrigerated (2-8 C); whereas in wet mount procedure, the microscopic examination must take place immediately. It is very important to add the transport reagent, provided in the collection kits; failure to add this, can result in decreased organisms' viability and lead to specimen rejection.

The specimen collection kits are provided by Foundation Laboratory. For supplies and other needs please make sure to contact your Foundation Laboratory representative.

Sincerely;

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