

BD Affirm™ VP III

Microbial Identification Test



Blue color indicates **Positive** result

- Identifies and differentiates the three pathogens that cause 90% of vaginal infections¹
- Detects mixed infections enabling proper therapy on the first visit
- Provides RNA accuracy and result certainty
- Detection is **not** hampered by difficult samples
- The Affirm™ VP III system offers automated processing of up to 6 patients simultaneously
- Quick turnaround time—approximately 45 minutes



Helping all people
live healthy lives

Facts About Vaginitis

- Over 10 million office visits per year.²
- Up to 25% of vaginal infections are caused by multiple pathogens:³ *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Candida* species and *Trichomonas vaginalis*. Identification of all causative agents is important for proper treatment—the first time.
- Genital inflammation caused by *Trichomonas* increases a woman's susceptibility to HIV infection, if exposed to the virus.⁴
- *Trichomonas* also increases the chances that an HIV infected woman can pass HIV to her sex partner(s).⁴
- Bacterial vaginosis (BV) has been associated with an increase in the development of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID).⁵
- Pregnant women with BV more often have babies who are born premature or with low birth weight (less than 5 pounds).²

¹ Contemporary perspectives in vaginal infection and health. 1996. Becton, Dickinson and Company, Sparks, MD.

² Kent. 1991. Am. J. Obstet. Gynecol. 165(4): 1168-1176.

³ Carol A. Spiegel, PhD, *Clinical Microbiology Newsletter*, Vol. 21, No. 5, page 37, column 1.

⁴ www.cdc.gov/std/Trichomonas/STDFact-Trichomonas.htm

⁵ www.cdc.gov/std/BV/STDFact-BacterialVaginosis.htm



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