



New Vaginal Panel Available October 16, 2018

IMPORTANT:

Current Vaginitis DNA Probe Panel will be discontinued after December 31, 2018

PCL Alverno is pleased to announce a new vaginal panel by PCR. This panel will detect the three most common infectious causes of vaginitis: Bacterial vaginosis, Vulvovaginal candidiasis, and *Trichomonas vaginalis*. The new panel uses a microbiome-based algorithm to detect an imbalance of normal flora to identify bacterial vaginosis. Yeast detection, which includes the identification of specific species *C. glabrata* and *C. krusei*, improves antimicrobial selection.

Note: Requires new collection device. See page 4

New Reporting Format

Vaginal Panel by PCR

Bacterial Vaginosis

Detection of Bacterial vaginosis is based on a quantitative algorithm of the following bacteria; Lactobacillus species (*L. crispatus* and *L. jensenii*), Gardnerella vaginalis, Atopobium vaginae, Bacterial vaginosis associated bacteria-2 (BVAB-2), and Megasphaera-1

Candida group

Result includes detection of *C. albicans*, and/or *C. tropicalis*, and/or *C. parapsilosis*, and/or *C. dubliniensis*

Candida glabrata

Candida krusei

Trichomonas vaginalis

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New Vaginosis Panel

Specimen Collection and Handling

Sample Collection Instructions:

For clinician-collected vaginal swabs for Vaginosis Panel:

- Collect swab prior to pelvic, speculum or bimanual exam.
- After parting the labia, gently slide the dry swab no more than 2 inches into the vagina, with gentle rotation, making sure the swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.
- Rotate the swab gently for 10-15 seconds; withdraw the swab without touching the skin.
- **No lubricant is used for collecting the vaginal swab sample.**
 - Contraceptive and antifungal creams can cause interference.
 - Refrain from use prior to collection.
- Do not collect specimen at the posterior fornix.

For collection information and patient self-collection instructions see Alverno Collection Manual online.

Soft Test Code: VPAN

CPT Codes: 87801, 87481x3, 87661

Collection Device: BD MAX UVE Specimen Collection Kit
Item #181279

Transport: Room Temperature

Stability: 8 days Room Temperature / 14 days Refrigerated