

Date: January 25, 2024

Effective Date: February 1, 2024

Title: Gram Stain for Bacterial Vaginosis Sent to Referral Lab

Test: Gram Stain for Bacterial Vaginosis (BV)

Explanation of change:

Gram stains are rarely used for detection of bacterial vaginosis. Molecular testing is the preferred test methodology.

If gram stain for bacterial vaginosis is requested, the sample will be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories instead of performed in-house.

	Old	New
Test Order	Gram Stain for Bacterial Vaginosis Meditech Code: BV	Gram Stain for Bacterial Vaginosis Meditech Code: MMAYO Mayo Code: GSBV
Test Site	Cayuga Medical Center (in-house)	Mayo Medical Laboratories
Collection	Vaginal Swab (red or white culturette preferred) Refrigerated or ambient 7 days	Vaginal Swab (red or white culturette preferred) Refrigerated or ambient 7 days
Turnaround Time	0-1 day(s)	1-3 days

Please contact the Laboratory at (607)274-4474 with any questions.

 _____ Date 1/25/24

Laurie Mras, Microbiology Manager

 _____ Date 2/13/24

Dr. Elizabeth Plocharczyk, Laboratory Medical Director