

Reporting Title: Gram Stain for Bacterial Vaginosis
Performing Location: Rochester

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred:

Specimen Type: Vaginal swab

Supplies: Culturette (BBL Culture Swab) (T092)

Container/Tube: Culturette swab (Dacron or rayon swab with aluminum or plastic shaft with either Stuart or Amies medium)

Specimen Volume: Entire collection

Specimen Stability Information:

ESwab: Refrigerated (preferred) 7 days/Ambient 7 days

Culturette Swab: Ambient (preferred) 7 days/Refrigerated 7 days

Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Prepared microscope slide

Source: Vaginal swab

Supplies: Culturette (BBL Culture Swab) (T092)

Collection Container/Tube: Culturette swab (Dacron or rayon swab with aluminum or plastic shaft with either Stuart or Amies medium)

Submission Container/Tube: Slide container

Specimen Volume: Slide

Collection Instructions: Apply original sample to surface of standard microscope slide using appropriate application method (determined by consistency of specimen type) to assure adequate transfer of specimen onto slide. Allow specimen to dry and then methanol or heat-fix the slide. Place in slide container for transport.

Forms:

[If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Microbiology Test Request](#) (T244) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Ask at Order Entry (AOE) Questions:

Test ID	Question ID	Description	Type	Reportable
GSBV	Q00M0087	Specimen Source	Plain Text	Yes

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
GSBV	Gram Stain for Bacterial Vaginosis	Alphanumeric		14361-0

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87205

Reference Values:

One of the 3 following reports dependent on the weighted sum balance of *Lactobacillus*, *Gardnerella/Bacteroides*, and *Mobiluncus* species:

1. Consistent with normal bacterial vaginal flora.

2. Altered vaginal flora not consistent with bacterial vaginosis. This frequently represents a transitional stage. If signs or symptoms persist, repeat testing is warranted.

3. Consistent with bacterial vaginosis.