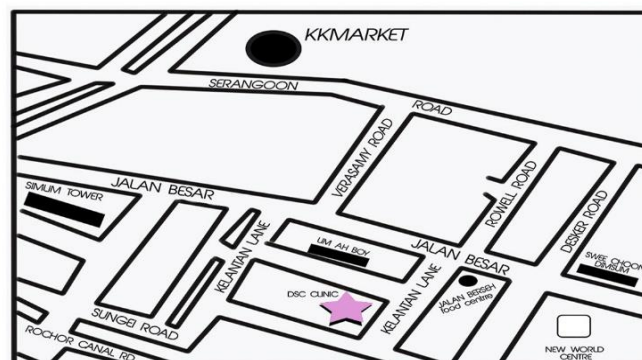


What is bacterial vaginosis?	How is bacterial vaginosis tested?	Important Notes
<p>Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) is caused by excessive growth of several types of bacteria that may normally be present in your vagina. When these bacteria are present in large numbers, they can cause symptoms like discharge or odour.</p> <p>BV affects only women.</p>	<p>Your doctor will perform a medical examination and take swabs from your vagina for laboratory tests.</p>	<p>Some women find they have BV repeatedly.</p> <p>Treatments as described in this PIL can help.</p>
How is bacterial vaginosis passed?	Can bacterial vaginosis be treated?	Tips to reduce repeated BV:
<p>BV is not passed on between men and women during unprotected sexual intercourse. However, it is more common among women with multiple sex partners.</p> <p>BV is more common among women with female sex partners, where bacterial infection may be caused by sharing vaginal fluids through insertion of fingers or sharing sex toys. BV may also be caused by douching (washing inside the vagina) which is not recommended, as it disturbs the balance of healthy and unhealthy bacteria in the vagina.</p>	<p>If you do not have any symptoms, treatment is usually not needed. Treatment may be necessary when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have symptoms Doctor has noted signs of BV and bacteria present If you are about to have a procedure that could allow bacteria into the uterus (such as termination of pregnancy) If you are pregnant <p>BV is usually treated with oral antibiotics. If you are unable to take antibiotics, vaginal cream, or vaginal pessaries can be given.</p> <p>If you are prescribed with antibiotics, it is important for you to avoid alcohol consumption when taking this medication.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never douche (wash inside the vagina). When using toilet paper, always wipe in the direction from front to back, never from back to front, as this may introduce bacteria from the anus into the vagina which could possibly cause BV. Some women find avoiding semen being left in the vagina may reduce BV – this involves ensuring your partner uses a condom, or does not “come” (ejaculate) inside the vagina.
What are the signs and symptoms?	Can bacterial vaginosis cause other problems?	
<p>Not every woman with BV has signs or symptoms but if you have, they can be like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thin white-grey vaginal discharge Strong vaginal smell (fishy) that may worsen after unprotected sex or menses 	<p>When you have BV, it may be easier for you to get another STI.</p>	
When do signs and symptoms appear?	Bacterial vaginosis in pregnancy	
<p>BV often develops soon after intercourse with a new partner.</p>	<p>If you have BV when you are pregnant, you may have a higher chance of premature labour, or pelvic infection after pregnancy.</p>	
Who should get tested?	Do I need to return for follow-up visits?	
<p>As BV may not show any signs and symptoms, you may want to get tested if you have done the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal douching or washing Receptive cunnilingus (oral sex) Recent change of sex partner Smoking Presence of sexually transmitted infection (STI) 	<p>Follow-up is not necessary if symptoms clear.</p> <p>For high-risk pregnant women, a one month follow-up visit is recommended to check if treatment is successful.</p>	
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