

**LAB ALERT – NEW TEST****NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/23/2013****EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/24/2013****BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS NUGENT GRAM STAIN**

<b>TEST CODE:</b>	NUGENT
<b>INTERFACE CODE:</b>	1003995
<b>TEST CODES TO BE DEACTIVATED:</b>	None
<b>METHODOLOGY:</b>	Graded Gram stain using the method of Nugent.
<b>CLINICAL UTILITY:</b>	Provides laboratory evidence for the presence or absence of bacterial vaginosis. The graded Gram stain is still considered the gold standard among laboratory tests for the diagnosis of this condition.
<b>PERFORMED:</b>	Sunday - Saturday
<b>COLLECTION:</b>	An air dried smear prepared by rolling a swab over the surface of the vagina wall. The swab is then rolled over the surface of a microscope slide and allowed to air dry.
<b>SPECIMEN PREPARATION:</b>	None
<b>STABILITY (FROM COLLECTION TO INITIATION OF TESTING)</b>	At least 7 days once dry.
<b>TRANSPORT:</b>	Room temperature in slide carrier.
<b>REFERENCE RANGE:</b>	Normal: bacterial morphotypes are consistent with normal vaginal flora.
<b>RESULTS REPORTED:</b>	An interpretive message based upon the Nugent score. Also reported: the presence of clue cells, Trichomonads, or yeast.
<b>CPT CODE(S):</b>	87205
<b>PERFORMING LAB:</b>	med fusion

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