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New Test
Trichomonas Vaginalis Culture
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University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory - Microbiology now offers a culture for *Trichomonas vaginalis*. The traditional "Wet Prep" microscopic examination is inadequate for the detection of *T. vaginalis*. Up to 80% of infections may go undetected by the Wet Prep method. While the traditional Wet Prep is used to screen for yeast and clue cells, an additional swab is collected at the bedside to inoculate the *T. vaginalis* culture media.

T. vaginalis culture requires a special media kit, InPouch™, which is available by calling the Clinical Laboratory at 720-848-4401. If media is purchased directly from Lawson, three InPouch™ *must be* submitted to the Microbiology Laboratory for quality control of each lot number of media. Cultures are read daily and held for up to four days. Please refer to the laboratory test catalog for detailed collection and transport information.

Please contact Nancy Madinger, MD at 720-848-7047 if you have any questions or visit our website at <http://www.uch.edu/for-healthcare-professional/Clinical-Laboratory/index.aspx> for additional information.

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