Cervicitis

Cervicitis is pain and puffiness (*swelling*) of the cervix. The cervix is the bottom part of the womb (*uterus*).

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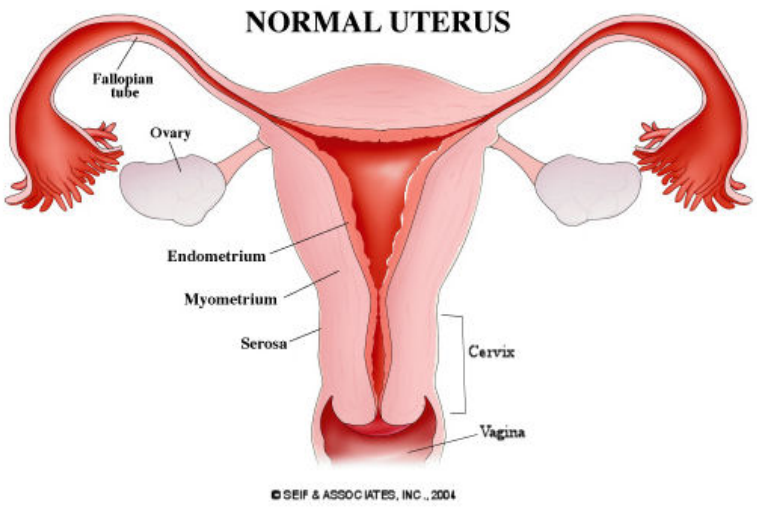

- **Do not** have sex until your doctor says it is okay.
- **Do not** have sex until your partner has been treated.
- Tell your partner(s) to get checked.
- Take medicine (*antibiotics*) the way your doctor told you to. Take them until they are gone.
- See your doctor for a follow-up visit as told.
- Get your yearly physical and pelvic exams. This includes a Pap test.

CAUSES

- An infection from sex (*sexually transmitted disease*).
- Using a device to rinse the vagina (*chemical douches*).
- Leaving a tampon in too long.
- Using scented tampons.
- Different forms of birth control (pills, sponges, foam, or cervical caps).
- Putting things in the vagina.

GET HELP IF:

- You have abnormal discharge from your vagina.
- You have bleeding from your vagina after sex.
- You are spotting or bleeding between periods.
- You find out your sex partner has an infection that could have been passed to you.
- You have a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C).
- You have pain with sex.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch your condition.
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse.

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