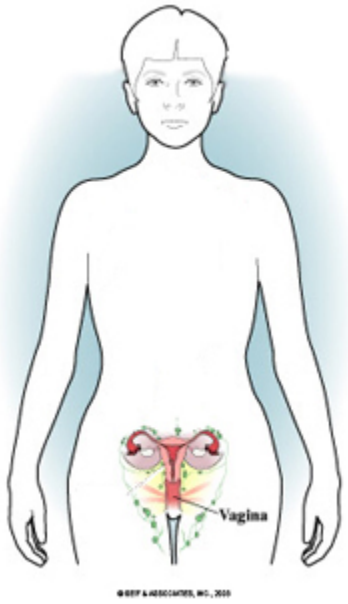
Bacterial Vaginosis

Bacterial vaginois is an infection in the vagina. It is caused by an overgrowth of certain germs (*bacteria*). Symptoms may include:

- Grey vaginal discharge.
- A fish like odor with discharge, especially after sexual intercourse.
- Itching or burning of the vagina and vulva.
- Burning or pain with urination.
- Some women have no signs or symptoms at all.

Normally this is not transmitted by sexual contact. If your symptoms return or if your partner is having any urinary symptoms, your partner should be checked by their caregiver.



TREATMENT

BV may be treated with medicines that kill germs (*antibiotics*). The antibiotics come in either pill or vaginal cream forms. **Avoid sexual contact until you are well.**

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- Your symptoms are not improving after three days of treatment.
- You have increased discharge, pain, or fever.

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