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## Vaginal Diseases

Vaginal problems are some of the most common reasons women go to the doctor. They may have symptoms such as:


- Itching
- Burning
- Pain
- Abnormal bleeding [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginalbleeding.html>]
- Discharge

One common problem is vaginitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginitis.html>] , an inflammation of the vagina. Other problems that affect the vagina include sexually transmitted infections [<https://medlineplus.gov/sexuallytransmittedinfections.html>] (STIs), vaginal cancer [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginalcancer.html>] , and vulvar cancer [<https://medlineplus.gov/vulvarcancer.html>] . Treatment of vaginal problems depends on the cause.

### Start Here

- Vagina: What's Normal, What's Not [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/womens-health/in-depth/vagina/art-20046562?p=1>] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/healthy-lifestyle/womens-health/in-depth/vagina/art-20046562?p=1>]

### Diagnosis and Tests

- Pelvis Ultrasound [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/en/info/pelvus>]  
 (American College of Radiology; Radiological Society of North America)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/es/info/pelvus>]
- Vaginal Discharge [<https://familydoctor.org/condition/vaginal-discharge/?adfree=true>] (American Academy of Family Physicians)  
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/condicion/secrecion-vaginal-es/?adfree=true>]
- Vaginal pH: Home Use Tests [<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/home-use-tests/vaginal-ph>] (Food and Drug Administration)


### Treatments and Therapies

- How to Use Vaginal Tablets, Suppositories, and Creams [<https://www.safemedication.com/how-to-use-medication/vaginal-tablets-suppositories-and-creams>] (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists)

### Related Issues

- Douching [<https://womenshealth.gov/a-z-topics/douching>] (Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health)  
Also in Spanish [<https://espanol.womenshealth.gov/a-z-topics/douching>]
- Vaginal Odor [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/symptoms/vaginal-odor/basics/definition/SYM-20050664?p=1>]  
(Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/symptoms/vaginal-odor/basics/definition/sym-20050664?p=1>]


## Specifics

- About Trichomoniasis [<https://www.cdc.gov/trichomoniasis/about/>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.cdc.gov/trichomoniasis/es/about/acerca-de-la-tricomoniasis.html>]
- Bartholin's Cyst [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/bartholin-cyst/symptoms-causes/syc-20369976?p=1>]  
(Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
- Vaginal Atrophy [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/vaginal-atrophy/symptoms-causes/syc-20352288?p=1>]  
(Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)  
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/diseases-conditions/vaginal-atrophy/symptoms-causes/syc-20352288?p=1>]
- Vaginitis: MedlinePlus Health Topic [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginitis.html>]  (National Library of Medicine)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/vaginitis.html>]

## Health Check Tools

- Genital Problems in Women [<https://familydoctor.org/symptom/genital-problems-women/?adfree=true>]  
(American Academy of Family Physicians)  
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/sintoma/genital-problems-in-women/?adfree=true>]

## Clinical Trials



- ClinicalTrials.gov: Vaginal Diseases [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Vaginal+Diseases%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

## Journal Articles

### References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Prevalence of vaginal laxity in primiparous women six months after birth.  
[<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40673016>]
- Article: Criteria for Vaginal Atrophic Changes in Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause Using...  
[<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40416496>]
- Article: The efficacy of fractional CO(2) laser treatment on postpartum vulvovaginal atrophy:...  
[<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40368515>]
- Vaginal Diseases -- see more articles [<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%22Vaginal+Diseases%22%5Bmajr%3Anoexp%5D+AND+humans%5Bmh%5D+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+%22last+2+Years%22+%5Bedat%5D+NOT+%28letter%5Bpt%5D+OR+case+reports%5Bpt%5D+OR+editorial%5Bpt%5D+OR+comment%5Bpt%5D%29+AND+free+full+text%5Bsb%5D+>]

## Find an Expert

- Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/>]   
Also in Spanish [<https://espanol.nichd.nih.gov/>]
- How to Find Find an Ob-Gyn [<https://www.acog.org/womens-health/find-an-ob-gyn>]  
(American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists)
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases [<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/>] 

## Teenagers

- Feeling Fresh [<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/feminine-hygiene.html>] (Nemours Foundation)  
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/teens/feminine-hygiene.html>]
- Gyn Checkups [<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/obgyn.html>] (Nemours Foundation)  
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/teens/gyn-checkups.html>]
- Is My Vaginal Discharge Normal? [<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/vdischarge2.html>] (Nemours Foundation)

- Types of Hymens [<https://youngwomenshealth.org/guides/hymens/>] (Boston Children's Hospital)  
Also in Spanish [<https://youngwomenshealth.org/guias/tipos-de-himen/>]

## Patient Handouts

- Bartholin cyst or abscess [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001489.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001489.htm>]
- Imperforate hymen [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000708.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/patientinstructions/000708.htm>]
- Vaginal cysts [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001509.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/001509.htm>]
- Vaginal dryness [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000892.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/000892.htm>]
- Vaginal itching and discharge - adult and adolescent [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003158.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/003158.htm>]
- Vaginal itching and discharge - child [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003159.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)  
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/003159.htm>]



## MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

Bartholin cyst or abscess [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001489.htm>]

Endocervical culture [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003754.htm>]

Endocervical Gram stain [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003753.htm>]

Imperforate hymen [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000708.htm>]

Pelvic ultrasound - abdominal [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/007667.htm>]

Vaginal cysts [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001509.htm>]

Vaginal dryness [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000892.htm>]

Vaginal itching and discharge - adult and adolescent [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003158.htm>]

Vaginal itching and discharge - child [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003159.htm>]

## Related Health Topics

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Vaginal Bleeding [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginalbleeding.html>]

Vaginal Cancer [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginalcancer.html>]

Vaginitis [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaginitis.html>]

Vulvar Cancer [<https://medlineplus.gov/vulvarcancer.html>]

Vulvar Disorders [<https://medlineplus.gov/vulvardisorders.html>]

Yeast Infections [<https://medlineplus.gov/yeastinfections.html>]

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