



## **BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS**

**Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) is the most common vaginal infection in women ages 15 to 44. It is caused when too much of certain bacteria changes the normal balance in the vagina.**

**BV is linked to an imbalance of good and bad bacteria that are normally found in a woman's vagina. It is not known how sex contributes to BV. It is not considered a sexually transmitted infection (STI) but it can increase your chances of getting an STI.**

**BV in pregnant women are more likely to have premature babies and babies with low birth rates. Treatment is especially important for pregnant women.**

**BV sometimes has no symptoms. However, some women can have a thin white discharge with a strong fish-like odor, especially after sex. You may also have burning when urinating, itching around the outside of the vagina or both.**

**BV that is left untreated increases your chance of getting HIV if you have sex with someone who is infected with HIV. It can also increase your chances of getting chlamydia and gonorrhea.**

**For an appointment call 940-761-7841.**

