

Mid-Charlotte Dermatology and Research/Southeast Vulvar Clinic

Date: _____

COLLECTING AND SENDING VAGINAL SECRETIONS

1. Do not use any medications inside the vagina for three days before collecting vaginal secretions.
2. Call the office to let us know that you will be sending in these secretions and to make sure that Dr. Edwards will be in the office. Send in Monday thru Wednesday so that the secretions are not likely to arrive on a weekend, or overnight express any day except for Friday and Saturday.
3. Insert the swab deeply into the vagina to collect secretions. Then insert the swab into the plastic tube.
4. Write your name and the date secretions were collected on the label of the tube.

Secretions submitted without this information cannot be interpreted correctly.

Why are you sending secretions?

What symptoms are your currently having?

What oral medications for this problem are you taking? Please include dose, frequency and when last taken.

What topical medications are you using for this problem (please include if applied or inserted in the vagina) and when were they last used?

Dr. Edwards will examine these under the microscope and, if needed, send them for a culture if there is concern about infection. **Please include a check for \$40.00 made out to Mid-Charlotte Dermatology and Research.** If the specimen is sent to on outside lab, you will incur charges from them as well. We will inform you of results within a few days.

PHYSICIAN USE ONLY

_____ WBC

_____ EPL Cells

_____ Yeast

_____ Bacteria

Assesment:

Plan:

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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