



## Cervical Infections

### WHAT IS UREAPLASMA/MYCOPLASMA?

As part of your first visit, your doctor performed cervical cultures during your vaginal exam. We test for infections that may contribute to infertility or has been linked with miscarriage. *M. hominis* and *Ureaplasma* species are frequently detected on healthy adults. *Ureaplasma* species have been isolated from cervico-vaginal specimens in 40-80% of women who are asymptomatic and sexually active. *Mycoplasma* has been isolated from cervico-vaginal specimens in 21-53% of women who are asymptomatic and sexually active.

Both *Mycoplasma* and *Ureaplasma* species may be transmitted by direct contact with infected people through genital-to-genital or oral-to-genital contact. As these bacteria may be present for many years without causing any symptoms, the finding of *ureaplasma* and *mycoplasma* on cervical cultures does not in any way indicate infidelity or sexual misconduct.

Since *Mycoplasma* and *Ureaplasma* have been linked with miscarriages, your doctor has ordered antibiotics to treat the infection. Both you and your partner will be prescribed antibiotics because you may be re-infected by your partner if not treated. It is important for both you and your sexual partner to start the course of antibiotics on the same day.