

Examination	17967	High Vaginal Swab (HVS)
Purpose of test	To diagnose a possible bacterial infection	
Sample	Swab	
Sample Tube/Container	Swab in in-date transport media	
Sample Volume	One swab per body site	
Special Precautions	No specific requirements	
Request Form:	Microbiology Request Form	
Laboratory	Microbiology	
Biological reference range	Not applicable	
Clinical decision values	Not applicable	
Factors affecting performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical information particularly Pregnancy status is essential for appropriate interpretation of culture - Current or recent antibiotic treatment may affect the result - Do not refrigerate 	
Turnaround times:	2 - 3 days	
Patient preparation	No specific requirements	
Instructions for patient collected sample	Not applicable	
Sample transportation	No specific requirements	
Special handling needs	No specific requirements	
Patient consent required	Implied consent	
Specific rejection criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samples over 48 hours old will not be tested - Generic rejection applies 	
Additional information	If sexual assault case contact Consultant Microbiologist and record on form	
References		