

BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS VS. TRICHOMONIASIS

What's the Difference?

Bacterial Vaginosis (BV)	Trichomoniasis ("Trich")
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occurs when there is too much of a certain bacterium in the vagina, increasing your chance of getting an STI • Any woman can get BV • Having a new or multiple sexual partners, and douching, can cause vaginal imbalance and exposure to BV • Treatment with antibiotics may or may not be necessary for BV • Many women with BV do not have symptoms; however, those with symptoms may notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thin, white, or gray vaginal discharge • Vaginal pain, burning, or itching • A strong fish-like odor, especially after sex • Burning when urinating • Itching around the outside of the vagina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by infection with protozoan parasite called <i>trichomonas vaginalis</i> • More common in women than in men • Parasite passes from an infected person to an uninfected person during sex • Treatment with medication is prescribed by a doctor • Many infected people with trich do not have symptoms; however, those with symptoms may notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vaginal: Itching, burning, redness, or soreness of genitals ○ Discomfort with urination ○ Change in vaginal discharge (clear, white with fishy smell) ○ Penile: itching or irritation inside penis ○ Burning after urination or ejaculation ○ Discharge from penis