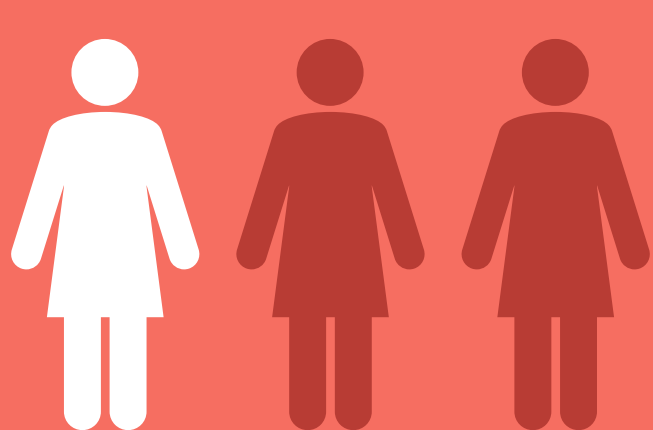


What Is Bacterial Vaginosis?

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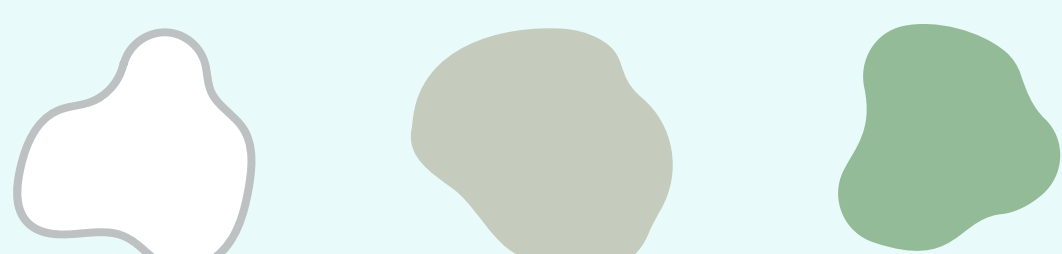
About
1 in 3 women
will experience BV.



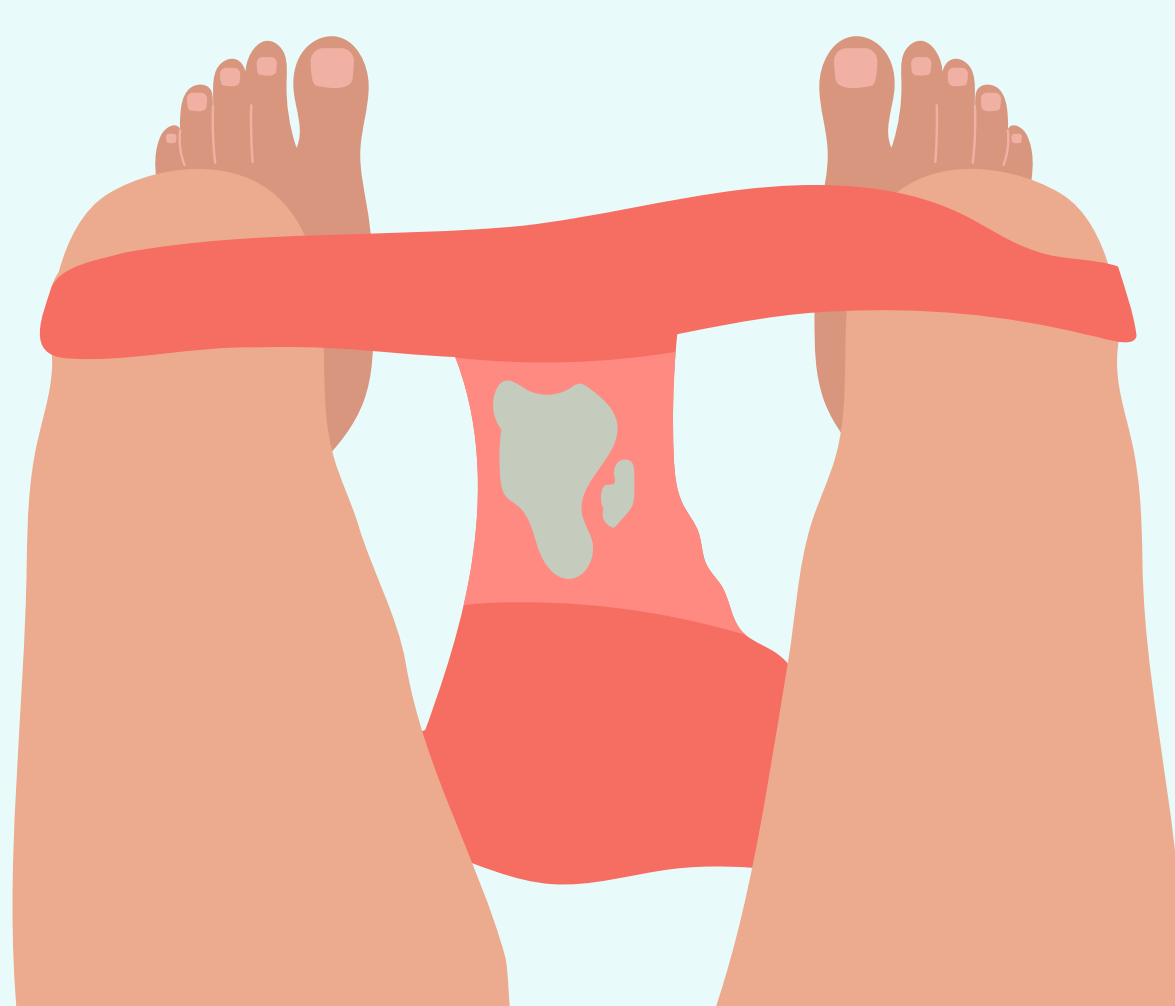
Bacterial vaginosis (BV) is an infection that happens when more “bad” bacteria takes over healthy bacteria in the vagina.

Symptoms of BV

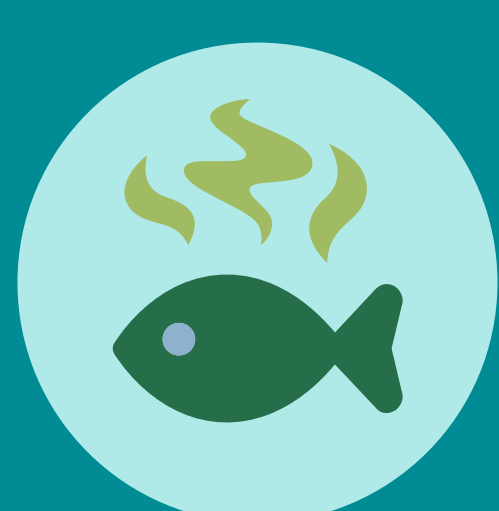
The most common symptom of BV is abnormal vaginal discharge.



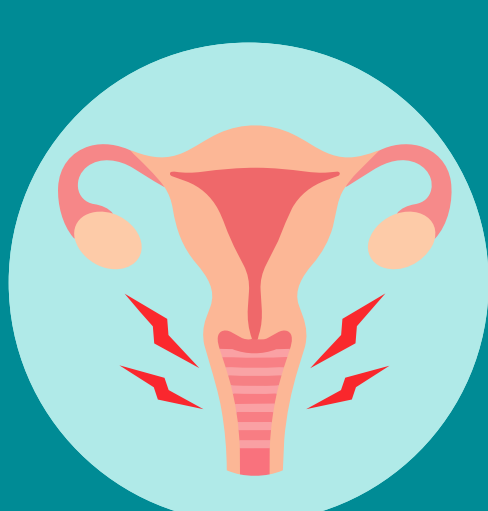
White, gray or greenish in color



Other BV symptoms include:



A fishy smell — especially after sex



Pain in and around the vagina



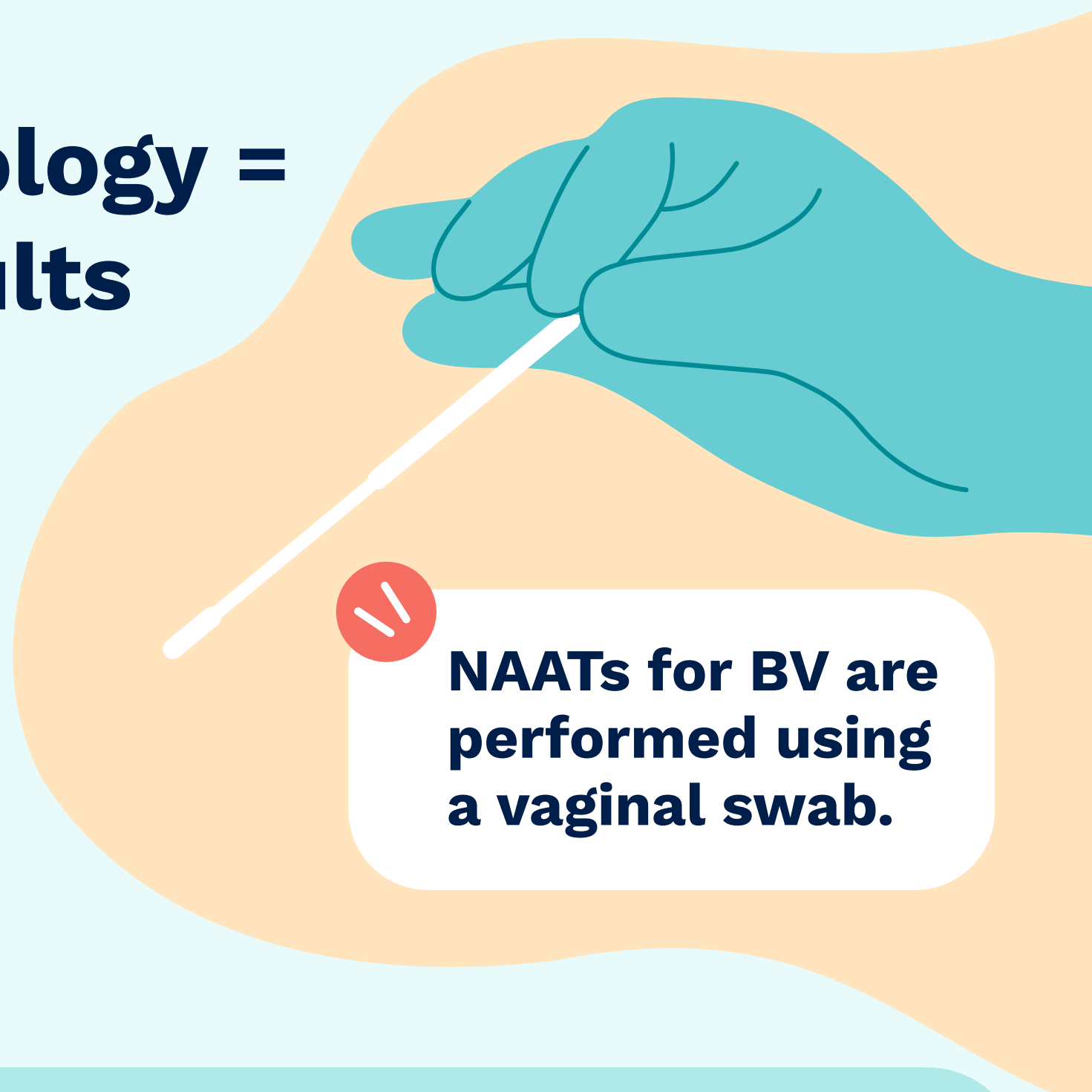
Itching in or outside the vagina



Burning when peeing

New testing technology = more accurate results

Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) offer higher accuracy in detecting BV-associated bacteria than traditional tests that use microscopes.



Other NAAT benefits:



Ability to diagnosis multiple infections from one sample



Quick results in about 24 hours



Self-collection options



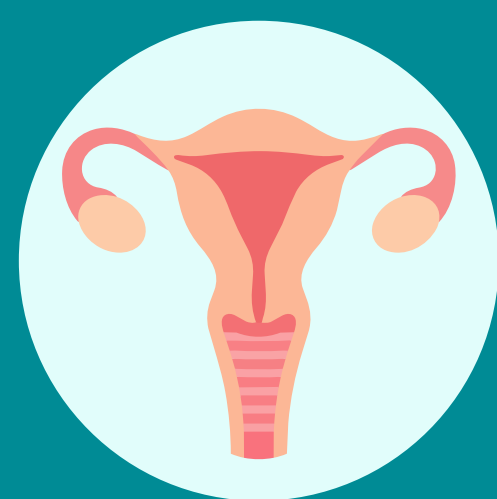
NAATs for BV are usually covered by insurance — but only if you have symptoms.



Ask your clinician about a NAAT for BV and whether it's the best option for you.

BV increases your risk of other STIs, including HIV

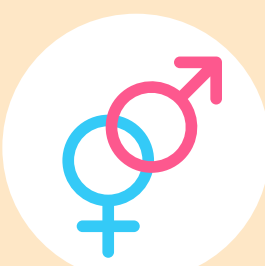
If left untreated, BV can also lead to:



Pelvic inflammatory disease



Premature birth and low birth weight if you're pregnant



BV is not an STI, but it can be passed during sex with a male or female partner



BV is common in women, so don't ignore the symptoms.

Talk to your clinician about getting tested for BV.