

Microbiology of vaginal discharge in Nairobi, Kenya.

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Abstract

Among women attending a sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic in Nairobi with vaginal discharge, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Chlamydia trachomatis* were isolated from the cervix in 32 (26%) of 122 and four (7%) of 58 women respectively. Infection with *Trichomonas vaginalis*, *Candida albicans*, *Gardnerella vaginalis*, and *Mycoplasma* spp were diagnosed in 42 of 122 (34%), 26 of 110 (24%), 75 of 100 (75%), and 42 of 89 (47%) women respectively. Mixed infections with at least two pathogens were found in 23 (26%) of 89 women examined for all microorganisms. Infection with *N gonorrhoeae* was significantly associated with abdominal pain.