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Createspace. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 66 pages. Dimensions: 11.0in. x 8.5in. x 0.1in. The USPSTF last reviewed screening for bacterial vaginosis (BV) in 2001. The USPSTF made the update of the BV topic a priority for 2006. Gaps in evidence evident from the prior recommendation included information that would make it possible to characterize the patients most likely to benefit from screening, evidence about the optimum timing of screening and treatment, information to determine the effect of treatment on pregnancy outcomes, the fact that the screening methods used in research do not reflect those used in practice, and the fact that the findings of studies in U. S. health clinics are not generalizable to community-based practices. Bacterial vaginosis (BV) is the most common lower genital tract syndrome among women of reproductive age. It involves an imbalance in the vaginal bacterial ecosystem such that hydrogen peroxide-producing lactobacilli are diminished and Gardnerella vaginalis, anaerobes, and mycoplasmas are abundant. Symptoms include vaginal discharge, pruritus, or malodor; however, approximately half of women with BV are asymptomatic. Once diagnosed, the microflora imbalance can be altered with a short course of antibiotic therapy. For two decades now, researchers have documented...

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