

Prevention: steps to help avoid bacterial vaginosis

Although these behaviors do not guarantee you won't become infected, taking these steps can reduce your risk of contracting bacterial vaginosis.^{1,2}

- Do be selective when choosing a sexual partner
- Do have fewer sexual partners
- Do use condoms and spermicides
- Do consider using birth control pills, if appropriate
- Do change tampons frequently
- Don't use douches
- Don't smoke

If you think you have a vaginal infection

Visit your healthcare provider and ask if Clindesse is right for you

Clindesse is the *only* one-dose treatment available for bacterial vaginosis for women who are not pregnant³⁻⁸. In a survey of more than 20,000 women, 97% said they would use Clindesse again.⁹ Clindesse gives you what you want out of a BV treatment—fast symptom relief, less mess, and anytime dosing—what else could you ask for?^{3,9}

Clindesse[®] (clindamycin phosphate) Vaginal Cream, 2%, is indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in women who are not pregnant. Clindesse has not been adequately studied in pregnant women and should be used during pregnancy only as prescribed by your healthcare provider.

See your healthcare provider in order to rule out other vaginal infections, such as yeast infection, trichomoniasis, chlamydia, and other sexually transmitted diseases, before using Clindesse.

Do not use Clindesse if you have had a reaction to clindamycin, lincomycin, or any other Clindesse ingredients. Clindesse should not be used if you have experienced inflammation of the intestine or colon.

Important safety information for use of Clindesse

This cream contains mineral oil that may weaken latex or rubber products such as condoms or vaginal contraceptive diaphragms. Use of these birth control methods is not recommended during—or for 5 days following—treatment with Clindesse. During this time period, condoms may not prevent pregnancy or protect against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Talk to your healthcare provider if you experience diarrhea after treatment with Clindesse. Though rare, it may be indicative of colon inflammation.

The most frequently reported Clindesse side effects were fungal vaginal infection, vulvovaginal itching, and headache.

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