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Pioneering New Standards in Vaginitis Care



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Overview

Traditional diagnostic methods for vaginitis, such as Nugent scoring and Amsel criteria, remain highly subjective and are often inadequate for the accurate detection of co-infections. Microscopic examination, while routinely employed, demands considerable expertise and is susceptible to misinterpretation, particularly in differentiating among causative pathogens. Failure to accurately diagnose and treat vaginitis may result in recurrent infections, thereby increasing vulnerability to other sexually transmitted infections, as well as the risk of infertility, miscarriage, and preterm birth. Moreover, chronic episodes of vaginitis can significantly impact emotional well-being and self-esteem. In response to these challenges, this symposium will present a new diagnostic paradigm based on quantitative PCR technology. Molecular diagnostics offer objective, reproducible, and multiplex pathogen detection with enhanced precision, reducing interobserver variability and improving clinical decision-making. Rapid and accurate diagnosis is essential not only for effective management but also for safeguarding reproductive health and improving overall quality of life. Through the theme “Pioneering New Standards in Vaginitis Care,” this session will examine the limitations of conventional diagnostic approaches, highlight the advantages of molecular testing, and discuss its transformative potential in advancing women's health outcomes.

Speakers

- **Diagnosis of Vaginitis According to ‘The ISSVD Recommendations for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Vaginitis’**



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- **Diagnosis of bacterial vaginosis and vaginitis in the microbiology laboratory: moving forward**



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