

## Genitourinary Microbiome Study in Women

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- Contrary to popular belief urine isn't actually sterile.
- In fact, there are good bacteria present.
- We are currently interested in seeing the **changes** in the urinary bacterial environment **over time**.
- We are recruiting women with **active UTIs** or women who **never had any UTIs**.
- Compensation: \$25 after first visit, \$50 after second visit (10 days later), \$75 after third visit (6 weeks later), and \$125 after last visit (12 weeks later) for a total of **\$275** once the study is completed.
- So, **what is required of you?** After today, you will need to come to clinic 3 more times, which we will schedule with you today. At each visit, we will obtain a urine sample, and some swabs around the vagina and anus. (These are done with Q-tips so it's painless). This will help us determine how the bacteria within these sites relate to each other.
- Benefit to science and women's health: This work will show how the urinary bacterial environment changes over time. By comparing changes in women with or without UTI, we hope to identify beneficial bacteria that can be used as alternate therapies for UTIs.
- If you are interested in more information, please let the clinic staff know.