SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED)

POINT OF CARE TESTING: 10% POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (KOH) WET MOUNT TESTING

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I. Clinical indications:

As a qualitative test, KOH wet mount testing is performed for female patients with clinical symptoms of vaginitis and suspicion of yeast and pseudohyphae in vaginal secretions.

II. Documentation:

Testing staff will record the results in the Emergency Department Medical Record. The patient's Attending Physician or Nurse Practitioner will review all test results.

III. Clinical Actions:

Negative result: No further workup is needed to evaluate for yeast or pseudohyphae in vaginal secretions.

Positive result: The presence of yeast, budding yeast, or pseudohyphae in vaginal secretions is treated according to current medical management.

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