

PATIENT RESOURCES

Desquamative Inflammatory Vaginitis (DIV)

What is desquamative inflammatory vaginitis (DIV)?

Desquamative inflammatory vaginitis (DIV) is a rare vaginal problem. Women may have vaginal pain, pain with sex, and profuse vaginal discharge (usually yellow but may be gray or green). The vestibule (vaginal entrance) is often affected, and may be thinned, sensitive, reddened, and swollen as a result of irritation from the discharge.

What causes DIV?

No consistent “bad” bacteria or virus has been identified. Instead we see that the lactobacilli (‘good bacteria’) are not there. The condition is thought to be an inflammation, not an infection.

How can DIV be treated?

DIV is usually treated with a vaginal anti-inflammatory cream. There are several different kinds that your provider may prescribe.