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OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION

What is an opportunistic infection?

Opportunistic infections are illnesses that occur in people with weakened immune systems, such as those with HIV/AIDS. These infections are caused by pathogens that are usually not harmful to people with normal immune systems. Examples of opportunistic infections include tuberculosis, pneumocystis pneumonia, and candidiasis.

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Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

What is pelvic inflammatory disease? Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) is a group of infections that affect the organs of the pelvis, including the fallopian tubes, ovaries, and uterus. PID is caused by bacteria, such as Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae. Symptoms of PID include lower abdominal pain, pelvic tenderness, and menstrual irregularities.

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Bacterial Vaginosis

What is bacterial vaginosis? Bacterial vaginosis (BV) is a common infection of the vagina that is caused by a change in the balance of bacteria in the vagina. BV is often asymptomatic, but some women may experience a fishy-smelling discharge, vaginal itching, or pain during intercourse.

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