

Plasma Cell Vulvitis (Zoon's Vulvitis)

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Zoon's Vulvitis

What is Zoon's vulvitis?

- Zoon's vulvitis is inflammation (redness) of the vulva. The vulva covers the opening to the vagina.
- Zoon's vulvitis causes red, shiny patches of skin on the vulva. It is usually found on the introitus (opening of the vulva).
- Zoon's vulvitis is not common.

What are the symptoms?

- › Irritation
- › Itching
- › Burning
- › Pain during sex
- › Pain

What causes Zoon's vulvitis?

- There is no known cause.
- It is not cancer or an infection.
- It is not contagious.
- It cannot be spread through sexual contact.

How do I know if I have it?

- Your specialist will check your vulva. They may take a biopsy (a small tissue sample). They will send the sample to the lab to be tested.

What is the treatment?

- Your specialist may prescribe a topical (on the skin) medication. Carefully follow all of the directions your specialist gives you. You may need treatment again if your symptoms come back.

Is there any follow-up?

- Follow-up is important to:
 - › make sure that the treatment is working.
 - › watch for other conditions that could make Zoon's vulvitis worse.
- Your specialist will tell you when you need to come back to the Clinic.
- To confirm or rebook a Clinic appointment:
 - › Phone: 902-473-6112

Questions

- Please call the Clinic if you have any questions about your appointments, or any concerns.
 - › Phone: 902-473-4180

If it is an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Department right away.

If you have concerns, but it is not an emergency:

- › Call your primary health care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner), or call 811 to talk to a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This pamphlet is for educational purposes only. It is not intended to replace the advice or professional judgment of a health care provider. The information may not apply to all situations. If you have any questions, please ask your health care provider.

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Connect with a registered nurse in Nova Scotia any time:
Call 811 or visit: <https://811.novascotia.ca>

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