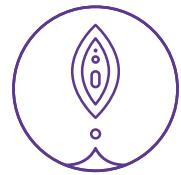




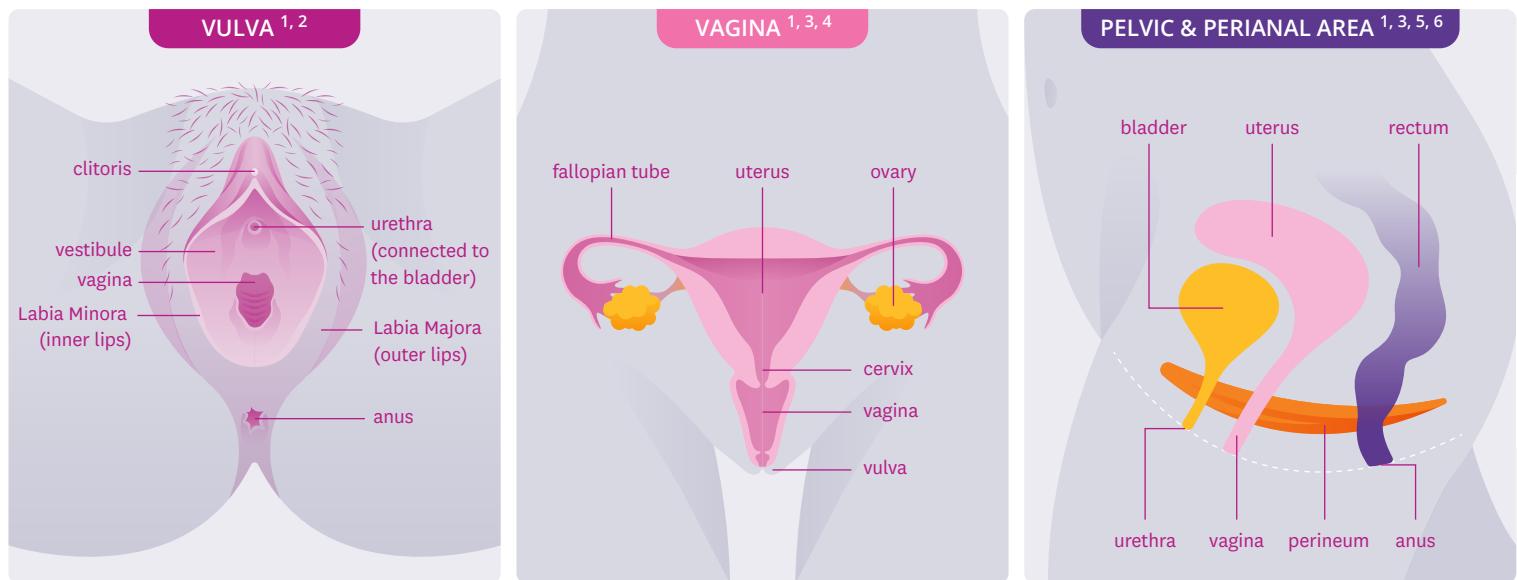
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# WOMEN'S MICROBIOTA: THE MISSING PIECE IN INTIMATE HEALTH



What are they and how to protect them?

## LET'S TALK ABOUT ANATOMY!



### 5 THINGS TO KNOW <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

- vulva is NOT vagina
- vulva, vagina, bladder and perianal area harbor a specific microbiota (flora)
- vulvar microbiota is a **microbial crossroad** with microorganisms of **skin, vaginal and gut origin**
- women's microbiota plays a crucial role in their health
- lactobacilli, beneficial colonizers of the female genital tract, protects against pathogenic microbes



### IMBALANCE OF MICROBIOTA MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN DISEASES...

#### vulvar diseases <sup>1, 2, 7, 8</sup>

candidiasis, vulvar lichen sclerosus, vulvodynia...



#### vaginal diseases <sup>1, 3, 4</sup>

candidiasis, bacterial vaginosis, HPV, sexually transmitted infection...



#### urinary tract diseases <sup>1, 6, 9</sup>

urinary tract infections, incontinence...



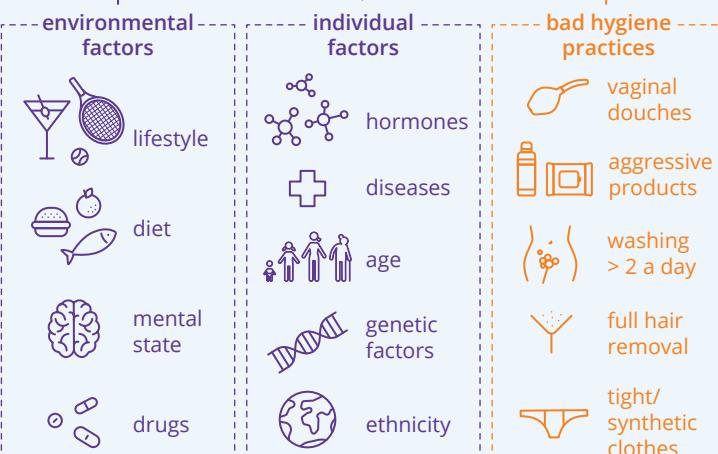
#### perianal diseases <sup>1, 10, 11</sup>

perianal infection, dermatosis...



### MAIN FACTORS INFLUENCING MICROBIOTA <sup>1, 2, 4, 12-17</sup>

#### intimate microbiota



### GOOD HABITS TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED MICROBIOTA <sup>1, 13, 17, 19, 20</sup>

The vagina is self-cleaning



prefer cotton underwear



gentle soap-free cleanser



external wash only 1-2 time a day



sleep without underwear at night



wipe front to back



probiotics



prebiotics





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