

PATIENT INFORMATION

Information Following Punch Biopsy to the Cervix

A punch biopsy is a small sample of the cervix that may be taken at the time of a colposcopy examination.

A solution will be applied to the cervix, which is used to highlight any abnormal area. A punch biopsy may be taken for diagnostic purposes. This biopsy is then sent to the laboratory which will be reported on and the grade of abnormality present.

Some women do not feel anything when a punch biopsy is taken while others experience a little discomfort during and/or after the biopsy. You should take painkillers if you need to e.g. paracetamol 4-6 hourly, a maximum of 8 in a 24-hour period.

Following the biopsy, a special paste is often applied to the surface of the cervix with a large cotton bud to control any bleeding at the time.

You may continue to experience a small amount of bleeding and/or discharge for a week after the procedure, so avoid intercourse and internal tampons during this time. The Doctor who performed your treatment will write to you with the results of the biopsy, these results should reach you within 3-4 weeks.

They will advise you if you need to return for further treatment or appointment. (Gynaecology Clinic 01803 656877)

For further assistance or to receive this information in a different format, please contact the department which created this leaflet.

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