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## Leep Procedure

### Loop electrosurgical excision procedure

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#### What is a leep procedure?

A leep procedure removes a small amount of tissue from your cervix using a special electrical tool. The tissue is sent to the lab for testing.

#### Why do I need a leep procedure?

Your pap smear showed abnormal cells called dysplasia. A leep procedure removes the abnormal cells. These cells are not cancer cells. However, if the tissue is not treated, it could slowly change to cancer.

#### What happens during a leep procedure?

You should take 2 Ponstan **or** Advil **or** Aspirin ½ hour before the procedure. You do not need to do anything else before you come to the clinic.

At the clinic, the nurse will help you get comfortable on your back on an examination table. The nurse will then put a grounding pad on your leg to protect you while the electrical equipment is used. The doctor will look at your cervix with a lighted instrument called a colposcope.

The doctor will then use a local anaesthetic to freeze your cervix so you feel more comfortable during the procedure. Your face may feel warm and your heart may beat fast for a short time.

After your cervix is numb, the doctor uses a small electrical wire loop to remove the abnormal tissue. The area is then cauterized and coated with a special liquid to prevent bleeding.

You may feel a warm sensation through your body as this is done.

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## **What happens after the procedure?**

When the freezing wears off, you may feel mild cramping.

## **After the procedure:**

For 2 weeks after the procedure, do not:

- ✘ have sexual intercourse
- ✘ douche
- ✘ use tampons

You may have dark, bloody discharge for up to 2 weeks.

## **Contact your doctor if you:**

- have heavy vaginal bleeding
- vaginal discharge that smells
- have signs of an infection such as a fever or chills

## **When can I get the results of my procedure?**

The results should be back in about 10 days. You can call clinic to check on your results.

## **When should I see my doctor again?**

You should see your doctor in 4 months. You will need to call the clinic to make the appointment.

## **Who can I call if I have questions or concerns?**

You can call the clinic at 905-521-6041.

