



LEEP

Procedure Description:

Superficial cervical tissue is removed using a thin wire loop.

What To Expect:

After numbing with lidocaine, a loop is lightly passed over the surface of the cervix to “peel” off the abnormal cells. This coin-shaped biopsy is sent to the lab.

Preprocedure:

No preparation needed. We cannot do the procedure during the menstrual period. For patients very sensitive to cramps, taking 2 Aleve tablets about 30 minutes prior can be helpful.

Postprocedure:

No vaginal activity (sex, tampons, douching) until the expected light bleeding stops (about 2-3 days). You will have a brown to black discharge from the medication used on your cervix. This medication can stain your clothing so wear a panty liner until this discharge abates (usually 4-5 days at most). Avoid vigorous exercise for 24 hours. Otherwise, all normal activities are fine. There is a rare (about 1%) chance of heavier bleeding possibly requiring a quick in-office treatment.

For more information on abnormal paps and colposcopy go to the patient education page under surgery and procedures.