

Advice after loop cone biopsy



A loop cone biopsy is an operation to remove an area of your cervix (the neck of your womb) where there are abnormal cells. It can be used to obtain cells as a test to diagnose cervical cancer.

The operation takes only a few minutes under general anaesthetic. A small loop of wire is heated electrically and is used to cut away the area of abnormal cells. The loop seals the area as it goes, so it should not cause much blood loss.

After the operation

Discomfort

You may experience a little discomfort, which should settle in a few hours. Take paracetamol tablets to relieve this. Please follow the directions on the package.

Bleeding

You will probably bleed slightly for the next 7-14 days. This is normal. If, however, you:

- begin to bleed heavily
- pass clots,
- develop a high temperature or
- have an offensive smelling discharge you must see your GP immediately.

Activity

Take things easy for a couple of days. Do not have sex or undertake any heavy exercise until after the discharge has stopped.

To reduce the risk of infection, do not use tampons or swim in public swimming pools until after your next period. Bath and shower as normal.

Follow-up

You will be sent a follow-up appointment.

Further advice

If you need further advice please contact:

Day Surgery Unit 01722 336262 ext 4550 between 7.30am and 7pm.

After 7pm contact Britford Ward on 01722 336262 ext 4380, your GP or NHS 111 (24 hours a day, calls are free from landlines and mobile phones).

If you need your information in another language or medium (audio, large print, etc) please contact Customer Care on 0800 374 208 or send an email to: customercare@salisbury.nhs.uk

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