



An tOspidéal Náisiúnta Máithreachais
The National Maternity Hospital

CERVICAL BIOPSY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What can I expect after a cervical biopsy?

Bleeding/Discharge

- Following the biopsy you will have a small wound on your cervix that will need time to heal. While the wound is healing you will experience blood stained vaginal discharge, which may also be black, brown and have a gritty consistency.
- This may last for 4-7 days and it should not be heavier than a period.

Pain

- You may experience some period like discomfort/cramps. This will normally settle down after a few hours.
- If you need pain relief; take paracetamol or ibuprofen (follow instructions on package).

Precautions

- To aid the healing of the wound on your cervix and reduce your risk of infection, avoid sex, tampons, swimming and baths for 1 week.

How would I know if I had an infection?

If you have bleeding which is heavier than a period or if the discharge is smelly or lasts longer than ten days, you could have an infection. Contact your doctor or the hospital to check whether you need antibiotics or not.

Will I get any results after my cervical biopsy?

You will receive a letter, in the post, with the result and follow up management within six weeks.

Contact Information

Colposcopy Clinic
The National Maternity Hospital
Holles Street, D02 YH21, Ireland

Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 4pm
Ph: 01 637 3454

In an emergency, outside of the above hours, contact the hospital on
01 637 3100 and ask to speak with the team on call.

You can read more information about your
Colposcopy visit on hse.ie/cervicalcheck



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