



Tameside and Glossop
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

COLPOSCOPY LOOP EXCISION/LETZ

(General Anaesthetic)

Patient information Leaflet

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Further to your recent visit to the Colposcopy clinic, we can now confirm that you need some treatment to the neck of the womb (cervix). An appointment will be forwarded to you to have a treatment called a Loop excision/LETZ as a day case under general anaesthetic. This means you will be asleep. You will receive 2 appointments, one to see the pre-op nurse and one for the treatment. If the dates are inconvenient you can ring to change.

The treatment involves having the area of abnormal cells removed using a wire loop heated with electricity.

Following a general anaesthetic, you will be required to stay in the Day Surgery Unit for at least 2 hours after the procedure. You must have someone who can take you home following a general anaesthetic and a responsible adult needs to stay with you overnight.

If you are on a heavy period would you please contact the clinic on 0161 331 6168 to check that your treatment can go ahead.

If you use a coil for contraception, it will need to be removed at your appointment before you have your treatment. You should use an additional contraceptive method such as condoms or not have sexual intercourse for the seven days before your appointment. Your coil can be replaced 6 weeks after the treatment.

The cervix will take about four weeks to heal during which time you will have some light bleeding or discharge.

We recommend you use sanitary pads and not tampons for FOUR weeks. You should not have sexual intercourse for FOUR weeks.

You should use a shower/body wash rather than a bath and avoid swimming and exercise until the discharge stops.

In order to check that the treatment has been effective you will receive an appointment to attend our Nurse Smear Clinic about 6 months after your treatment has been carried out.

If you are planning on going abroad and we have sent you an appointment for treatment please call to let us know. We would normally suggest that you do not travel abroad for 4-6 weeks following the treatment. This is because of the risk of bleeding and your travel insurance may not cover you.

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On occasion there may be a Doctor, (trainee GP) or student Doctor present in clinic. They are there to learn about Colposcopy, however if you would prefer no extra people in the clinic please let us know.

Other Useful Contacts Or Information

NHS Direct
Patient Information Centre

Source Of Good Practice

If you have any questions you want to ask, you can use this space below to remind you

If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332

If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our central booking office between Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991 to arrange this for you.

語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS):

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 0161 922 6991 聯絡本中央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (*Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS*):

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (*Central Booking Office*), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od 08:00 - 17:00 pod numerem 0161 922 6991.

لینگویج، انٹریپریٹیشن اینڈ پیسینٹ سپورٹ سروس (Lips)

اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنٹمنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل بکنگ آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

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