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# Colposcopy

## Fast Track Clinic

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Your doctor has referred you to our clinic for us to examine your cervix and vagina. This may be because you have had some post coital bleeding (bleeding after sex) and/or they have examined you and think the area does not look entirely normal, or you have had an abnormal smear.

In the clinic, our consultant will ask you about any symptoms you may have and will ask you about your past medical history. If you are on any medication please can you bring a list of the drugs you are on or your repeat prescription form.

Our doctor will then want to examine you in the colposcopy chair.

The examination will be the same as when a cervical smear is taken, except we will use a lighted microscope to view the area in greater accuracy.

Some special fluids are used to enable any abnormal cells in the cervix to be highlighted.

We have a television screen so that you can view the procedure if you wish.

Often we have a student doctor or nurse in the clinic as we are a teaching hospital, if you would rather not have a student at your appointment, please let the nurse know.

A biopsy (small area of skin) may be removed or swabs may be taken if the area does not look entirely normal.

Unfortunately, not all biopsies are successful. This may be because, despite taking every possible care, the piece of tissue which has actually been obtained is normal tissue rather than abnormal. Alternatively, although abnormal tissue has been obtained, it may not be enough for the pathologist to make a definite diagnosis.

The consultant in charge of your care may decide that another biopsy is required.

Taking the biopsy can give a period like cramp in some ladies or may feel like a pinch. If there are polyps we can see we will take them off at the same time but this is not a painful process.

Please bring a panty liner or sanitary pad with you to use after the procedure.

We look forward to meeting you at your appointment.