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Punch Biopsy

Issued by Obstetrics and Gynaecology



The purpose of this leaflet is to explain what it is that you have had done today.

What have I had done?

A small sample of skin (punch biopsies) have been taken from your cervix.

A silver nitrate cautery stick was used to control the bleeding.

A tampon was used to control the bleeding. This should be removed 2-3 hours after the procedure.

What can I expect afterwards?

You may have some bleeding or discharge, which may be red, brown or even black, which may last up to one week. It is advisable to wear a sanitary pad.

You should avoid sexual intercourse for 2-3 days after the procedure, or until the discharge stops.

Very rarely you may experience some heavy bleeding, or bleeding with clots. If so, please contact your GP or attend the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Cramlington.

Results

You will receive a letter in 2-6 weeks time informing you of your results and further management or treatment you may need.

Results will not be given over the telephone.

Useful contacts

Please contact the Nurse Colposcopist or the Colposcopy Secretary where you receive your treatment:

North Tyneside General Hospital (0191) 293 2501

**Wansbeck and Hexham General Hospitals
and Berwick Infirmary** (01670) 564145

Sources of information

www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk

www.bsccp.org.uk

Alternative Formats

If you would like a copy of this information in large print, another language, audio tape or other format please call the Contact Centre on **03 44 811 8118**

Other sources of information

NHS 111

NHS Choices

www.nhs.uk/pages/homepage.aspx

NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence)

www.nice.org.uk

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Freephone: **0800 032 0202**

Text: 01670 511098

Email: northoftynepals@nhct.nhs.uk

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