

After Your Colposcopy

What will I experience after the Colposcopy and biopsy?

You may have some cramping for the rest of the day and notice some spotting. Wear a small pad for the first few days. You may notice some charcoal specks and brown discharge on the pad due to the medicines that the doctor applied to your cervix to control bleeding. It is safe to bathe as usual. You may take Ibuprofen and Tylenol for cramping.

When should I call the doctor?

Call if you have the following:

Pain not relieved by Ibuprofen or Tylenol

Bleeding enough to soak a pad in 1 hour

A temperature of 100 degrees or more

The numbers to call are:

?Daytime; (919) 966-3650 ? Campus Health Gynecology

?Night; (919) 966-4131 ? have the Gynecology Resident on-call paged

What if the doctor sees abnormal cells?

If the doctor sees cells that have turned white after the vinegar solution is applied, the doctor will also do a biopsy. The biopsy will tell if the cells are pre-cancerous or cancerous.

When can I have sexual intercourse?

Wait three days after the biopsy to begin having sex again.

[How do I get the results of my biopsy?](#)

Results are usually ready in 1-2 weeks after biopsy. The doctor will tell you how your biopsy results will be reported to you and what you need to do. If you have not gotten results within 4 weeks, you may call Gynecology at (919) 966-3650.

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