



COLPOSCOPY CONSENT

It has been recommended that you have a colposcopy due to a recent abnormal Pap smear or HPV test. A colposcopy is a close look at your cervix and vagina using a magnifying lens. A colposcopy is used to diagnose abnormalities when combined with biopsies. It is not treatment.

Your provider will do a vaginal exam and insert a speculum (similar to performing a Pap test). The provider will then apply a vinegar solution to your cervix. This can cause a burning sensation in the vagina. The vinegar highlights any abnormal areas. Your provider will spend some time viewing the entire cervix. If your provider sees any area that does not have a normal appearance, they will do a biopsy. The biopsies are very quick and any discomfort should not last long. They usually feel like a cramp or pinch. Occasionally, there may be some discomfort afterward. You may take (ibuprofen) if needed. The biopsy specimen will be sent to the lab and results will be available in approximately 7-9 days. Often, more than one biopsy may be indicated. The biopsy is done so the pathologist can provide a more definitive diagnosis.

Risks associated with colposcopy are minimal and complications are rare. They include infection and bleeding. You should contact your provider if you develop a fever, foul-smelling vaginal discharge or have persistent and heavy bleeding following the procedure.

To allow your cervix to heal, you should avoid tampons, douching and sexual intercourse for 3-4 days following the colposcopy.

Please initial:

_____ I understand that this procedure cannot guarantee 100% accurate results. Colposcopy and biopsy are, however, the most reliable ways to obtain an accurate evaluation of an abnormal Pap smear or HPV testing.

_____ I have read and understand this form and would like to proceed with a colposcopy.

Patient Name

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Date

Patient/Health Care Agent/Guardian/Relative Signature

Physician Signature