

Information for women who have had a cervical biopsy.

A cervical biopsy is the removal of a small piece of tissue from the cervix. The tissue is sent to our laboratory where it will be examined under a microscope. The result of the biopsy will indicate if treatment to remove the abnormal cells from the cervix is necessary.

Following a biopsy it is very important to allow the cervix to heal and to prevent infection. It is essential to follow these instructions

- No sexual intercourse for one week.
- No tampons for one week.
- No strenuous exercise for one week.
- No Baths/ Swimming / Jacuzzis for one week. Showering is not a problem

Most women will have some bleeding following a biopsy. This should get lighter each day and settle completely within one week. If you have bleeding that is heavier than a normal period or if you notice an offensive smell, these can be signs of an infection. If you are concerned please contact your GP who may prescribe an antibiotic. You will receive a letter giving you the result of your biopsy and an appointment for your next visit. A copy will also be sent to your GP.

If you have any queries you may contact the Colposcopy Nurses on **01-8176844/8176874/8172518**. Outside clinic hours contact the main hospital on **01-8171700** and ask to speak to a medical staff member in the Emergency Room.