

Gynaecology: Colposcopy

Introduction

Colposcopy is an examination of the neck of the womb using a magnifying lens with a light (colposcope). It usually takes place in the outpatient clinic. This is usually a follow up after your cervical screening test and is part of cervical cancer prevention programme.

Guidance for Patients

Common reasons for having a colposcopy include:

- Abnormal smear
- HPV infection
- Bleeding after sex
- Abnormal looking cervix
- Persistent inadequate sample on your smear test

Are there any alternatives to colposcopy?

In case of abnormal cells, colposcopy is the only way to find.

Your appointment

It is extremely important that you keep your appointment. If you have any concerns, please keep your appointment so that you can discuss these with the colposcopist.

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you feel you are becoming more unwell, please contact your GP or NHS 111 for medical review in the first instance. Your GP will be able to advise if this is something they can support with during your wait or they will be able to contact your Gynaecology team to discuss their findings in more detail and determine a management plan.

Contact Us

If your query is urgent and you wish to speak to a clinician, please contact our Gynaecology Assessment Unit.

- Gynaecology Assessment Unit (Clinical Team)
 - Tel: (01925) 662733
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 - Tel: (01925) 662609