

Important notice

If you are unable to attend for your appointment please telephone the clinic in advance so that your appointment can be allocated to someone else.

If any urgent problems out of clinic hours
Please contact: Ward 3E on:
0151 430 1522

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Colposcopy Clinic Polypectomy

Green Zone

Ground Floor
9am – 5pm

Patient information leaflet

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Marshalls Cross Road
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Reasons for the procedure

As you know you have been referred to the colposcopy clinic because you have a polyp on the cervix.

A polyp is a small overgrowth of tissue which is usually innocent, but needs to be removed for analysis and to prevent it causing you abnormal bleeding.

Nature of the procedure

A polyp is usually easily removed in clinic and normally does not cause any pain during removal.

Following the procedure you will experience some bleeding and discharge for approximately 4 weeks.

You are advised not to wear tampons for this discharge/bleeding and no sexual intercourse until the bleeding/discharge has stopped.

If your loss becomes excessive or offensive please use the enclosed telephone numbers for advice.

Risks of the procedure

The risks involved are excessive bleeding and infection.

Benefits of the procedure

The benefit of this procedure is to remove the polyp and send it to the laboratory for examination to exclude any serious abnormalities.

Discomforts of the procedure

This procedure feels very similar to having a smear taken. Some women may experience slight period pain.

Alternatives to the procedure

There are no alternatives to this procedure.

Consequences of not having the procedure

The polyp may become bigger and cause you to have abnormal bleeding. Most polyps are benign but very rarely they could contain abnormal cells.

Please note this treatment cannot be done whilst on a period. However, if you are experiencing abnormal or irregular bleeding please contact the clinic for advice.

Following a polypectomy you will normally receive results in approximately 3-4 weeks by letter to your home address.

Depending on these results you will either be discharged or reviewed in colposcopy clinic at a future date.

It is hospital policy not to give results over the telephone.