

After Your Colposcopy Examination

This leaflet gives information and advice following colposcopy investigation with or without a biopsy.

What to expect after a colposcopy

You may have some mild discomfort, like a period pain, for which you can take your usual over-the-counter painkiller.

You may have some vaginal discharge, which may be brown if iodine was used during the investigation, or it may be a silvery-grey colour if you had a biopsy.

It is advisable to wear a sanitary pad as the discharge may stain clothing.

If you have had a biopsy taken, you should not use tampons until after your next period. You should also avoid having sex for a week.

When to seek further advice

If you have heavy bleeding (which is not your period), offensive discharge, fever or feel generally unwell, you should contact your doctor or colposcopy clinic. This also applies if you have lower tummy pains which do not improve with your usual over-the-counter painkiller.

Will I be seen again?

Your Colposcopist will inform you of this, usually by letter. You may not need to be seen again in the clinic, or you may need to attend for a further review or treatment.

How do I contact my colposcopy clinic?

The telephone number and contact person for your clinic is listed below.