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After Your Hysterectomy or Manchester Repair

You can get all our leaflets in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.

This leaflet gives information about cervical screening for women who have had a hysterectomy or Manchester Repair.

What is cervical screening?

Cervical screening is a test to check the health of the cervix (often called the neck of the womb), which is the lower part of the uterus (womb). Cervical screening is not a test for diagnosing cervical cancer but aims to prevent cancer from developing.

What happens at a hysterectomy or Manchester Repair?

A hysterectomy removes the uterus and this usually includes the cervix - this is called a 'total hysterectomy'. In some circumstances the cervix may be left in place - this is called a sub-total hysterectomy. If you have had a sub-total hysterectomy you should continue having cervical screening tests as usual up to the age of 65 years.

Your doctor will be able to tell you what type of hysterectomy you have had. A Manchester Repair removes the cervix, but leaves the uterus in place.

When would I need further smears?

After a total hysterectomy or Manchester Repair, you would not normally need any further smears. However, if your total hysterectomy or Manchester Repair followed an abnormal smear test, or if changes were detected in your cervix at the time of the operation or in the past, then you might need further tests in the future. Depending on your situation, you may need: -

- A single test at six months after your hysterectomy or Manchester Repair
- One test at six months and a further test at eighteen months after your hysterectomy or Manchester Repair
- Regular tests for a longer period of time

These tests are taken from the top of the vagina (the vault of the vagina) in a similar way to a normal smear test. If you need these tests you will receive an invitation by post when they are due.

Who will do these smear tests?

You will be advised in your letter where the tests will be done. You may be advised to attend your GP surgery. In some cases, the tests will be done in a colposcopy clinic and an appointment would be sent for this.

What if any of these smear tests are abnormal?

If you are not already having smears in a colposcopy clinic, you will be referred there for a further examination

Further questions?

Cervical Screening Wales also produces a range of leaflets on various topics to do with cervical screening, which are available:

- By post from:
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- On our website
www.screeningservices.org.uk/csw

If you have any questions about the service:

- Ask your doctor
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