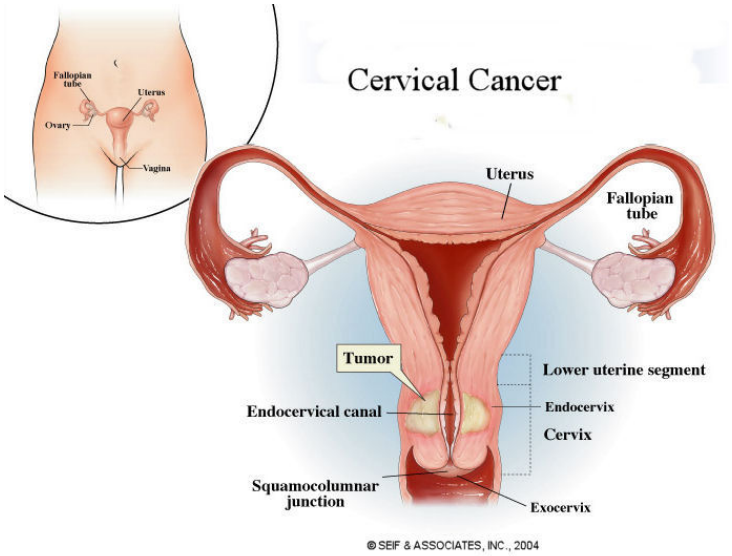
Colposcopy
Care After

Colposcopy is a procedure in which a special tool is used to magnify the surface of the cervix. A tissue sample (*biopsy*) may also be taken. This sample will be used to detect cancer of the cervix or other problems. These procedures may be done after a pelvic exam shows a possible problem.



AFTER THE TEST

- You may have some cramping.
- Lie down for a few minutes if you feel light headed.
- You may have some bleeding which should stop in a few days.

HOME CARE

- Do not have sex or use tampons for 2-3 days or as directed.
- Only take medicine as directed by your doctor.
- If you are on birth control pills, continue to take your pills the way you normally do.
- To protect your privacy, test results cannot be given over the phone. Make sure you get the results of your test. Ask how you will get the results if you have not been told. Do not assume everything is normal if you have not heard from your doctor. Follow up on all of your test results.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF YOU:

- Are bleeding heavily or passing blood clots.
- Develop a fever of 102°F (38.9°C) or higher.
- Have abnormal vaginal discharge.
- Have cramps that do not go away after medicine.
- Feel light headed, dizzy or faint.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch your condition.
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse.

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