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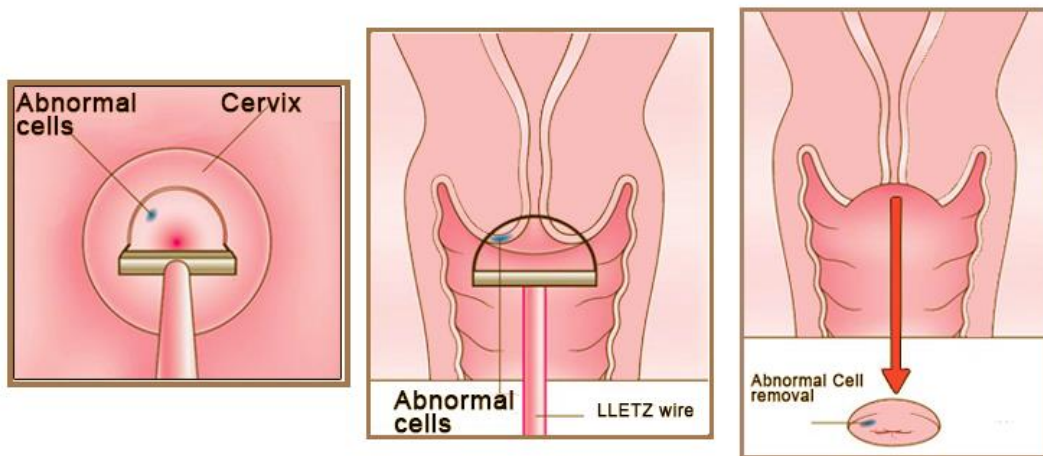
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LEEP



LEEP is also known as Loop Electrical Excision Procedure. LEEP is one type of procedures used to diagnoses and treatment abnormal cervical cells. This procedure is used most often for treating moderate to severe dysplasia (abnormal changes of the cells lining the cervix or precancers) that have been identified by colposcopy and/or cervical biopsy.

What to Expect:

The cervix will be numbed with medication and abnormal cells removed. Mild cramping may occur.

Preprocedure: (before)

Eat regular meals. You may take over-the-counter pain medication 60 minutes prior to the procedure.

Postprocedure: (after)

You may have mild cramping. Expect light bleeding and a yellow, mustard-like or coffee ground-like vaginal discharge. This is due to a solution put on the cervix to stop bleeding. A small amount of tissue may pass as the cervix heals. We will advise you not to put anything in the vagina or exercise for 2 weeks. Biopsy results are usually available 7-10 days after the procedure.