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Colposcopy

Colposcopy is a special **examination of the cervix** performed when there is an abnormal pap smear. The cervix is prepared with special stains to make abnormal cells stand out. Sometimes a biopsy is performed to evaluate those cells further. This exam is performed right **in the office**.

What to Expect: A speculum is inserted like with a Pap smear and the cervix is visualized directly through the colposcope. You may experience a pinching sensation and/or cramping as samples are taken from the cervix.

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. We will advise you not to put anything in the vagina or exercise for 2-3 days. Biopsy results are usually available 7-10 days after the procedure.