

Cervical ectropion

Women's Health

You have been referred to the Colposcopy Clinic for treatment of a benign ectropion on your cervix. This is more commonly known as an erosion or inflammation.

An ectropion is a fairly common finding, particularly in women who are pregnant or taking the oral contraceptive pill. It only needs treatment if it causes symptoms such as bleeding after intercourse or bleeding in-between periods.

The procedure

The examination is very similar to having a cervical sample taken. We will examine your cervix with the colposcopy binocular microscope, possibly repeat a cervical sample and then treat the ectropion under local anaesthetic. The procedure takes about five minutes and should not be uncomfortable.

Aftercare

Afterwards the cervix takes about three to four weeks to heal, during which time you may suffer from some discharge.

During this time you **should not** have intercourse or use tampons.

It is not usually necessary to come back to the Colposcopy Clinic again and your cervical samples should continue on a routine basis.

Contact us

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to telephone the clinic on the numbers below where you can speak to the nurse. Clinic hours are 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday

Leatherhead Hospital
Tel. 01372 384340

St Helier Hospital
Tel. 020 8296 2954 and select the option Colposcopy

In case of emergency

Do not hesitate to consult with your GP or go straight to A&E if you are unable to reach us in clinic.

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