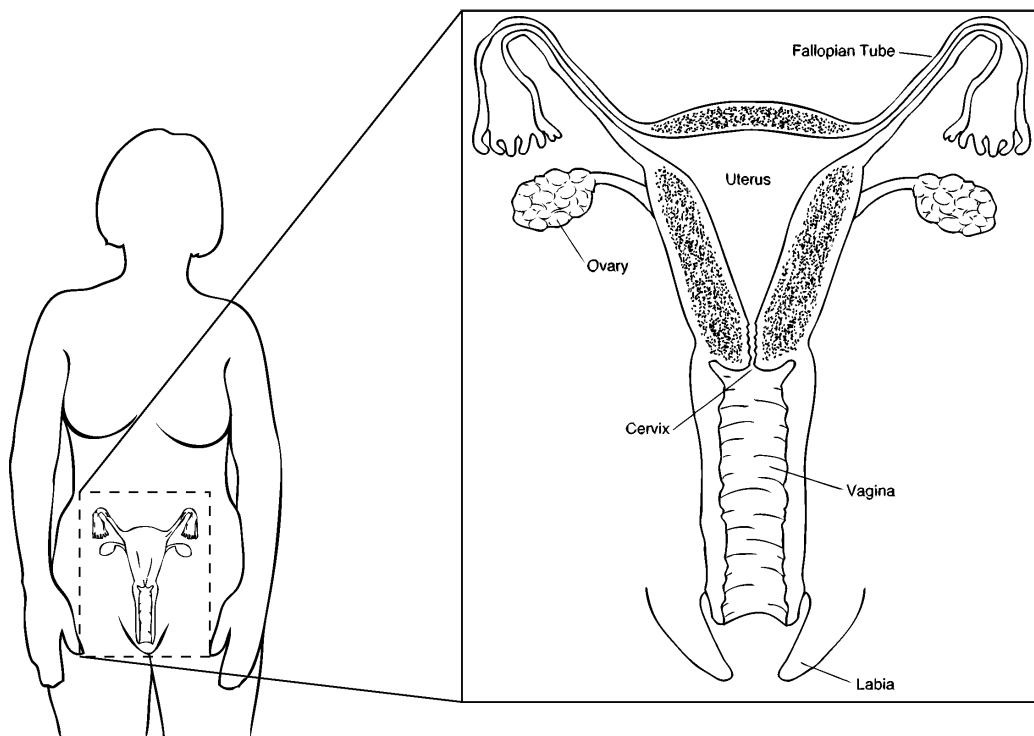


LEEP

(Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure)

If your pap test was abnormal, you may need LEEP as a treatment. LEEP is done to remove tissue from the cervix.

Arrive on time for your treatment. It takes about 15-20 minutes. Plan on being here at least 1 hour.



Your Treatment

- Your feet will be placed in stirrups. The doctor will use an instrument called a speculum that will be put into your vagina to keep it open. You may feel some pressure.
- Medicine is used to numb your cervix.
- A solution is put on your cervix to show abnormal cells.

- A magnifying instrument is used to get a close up view of your cervix.
- A fine wire loop is used to remove the abnormal tissue.
- The tissue will be sent to a lab for testing.

Your Care After Treatment

Your cervix should heal completely in a few weeks.

- Rest for the next 2 days.
- You may have some mild cramping.
- You may have some vaginal discharge for about 2 weeks. This is like having a period.
- Do not use tampons, have sexual intercourse or douche for 4 weeks. This reduces your risk of bleeding and allows healing to occur.

You should have a pap test more often to check for more abnormal cells.

Call your doctor **right away** if you have:

- Bleeding that soaks a pad in 1 hour
- Severe abdominal cramps or pain
- Chills or fever of 100.5 degrees F or 38 degrees C
- Vaginal discharge that has a foul odor
- Pain not controlled by over the counter pain medicine. Do not take aspirin.

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.