

LEEP PROCEDURE CONSENT

You will be having a LEEP (Loop Electro-surgical Excision Procedure) in the office for treatment of an abnormal area (dysplasia) on your cervix. It is important to understand why this procedure is done and what you can expect to experience during the LEEP. This literature is designed to answer many of the common questions about the procedure but, of course, does not replace speaking directly with our office if you have unanswered questions.

Why is the LEEP procedure done?

The LEEP procedure is done after the colposcopy is performed to remove the areas of abnormality (dysplasia) that have been found on colposcopy and biopsy. Some of the options for management of dysplasia of the cervix are cyrosurgery, laser surgery, or electrocautery. The benefits of the loop excision over these other methods are:

- That the entire area of abnormality can be obtained in one specimen to be reviewed by pathology
- It is a quick procedure that does not require coming into the hospital or having general anesthesia
- There is relatively no pain involved with the LEEP procedure
- The recovery following the procedure is painless and involves less vaginal discharge than with the other methods
- There is a complete restoration of the normal surface, appearance, and function of the cervix

Although all of these methods are acceptable in terms of treating dysplasia, your doctor feels the LEEP procedure is the best option among the available treatment methods.

How is the LEEP procedure performed?

A LEEP procedure consists of using small, thin wire loops with an electrical current (to both cut and prevent bleeding) to remove cervical tissue and provide biopsies for evaluation. Because of the small size of the loops and the variety of shapes of the loop instruments, an exact size and shape instrument can be chosen if your cervix and area of abnormality. This is important in being able to remove abnormal tissue without destroying any of the normal tissue.

What should you expect for the LEEP (sensations, procedure, length of time)?

When you come to the office for a LEEP procedure, expect to spend a total of approximately 30 minutes; the procedure itself requires approximately 15 minutes. The remainder of the time we would like you to wait in the office to see that you are not experiencing any bleeding and that you are feeling well prior to your departure. We suggest you bring someone with you to the procedure to provide support and company during the wait. It is not necessary to restrict daily activities, i.e. work on the day of the procedure. Some women do choose to be out of work for the day.

Patient Signature (or other authorized to sign for patient)

Date

I have explained the above statements to the patient and/or family and answered their questions.

Physician

Date