

Colposcopy

You have been scheduled to receive a colposcopy due to an abnormal pap smear. During colposcopy, a special microscope (colposcope) is used to obtain detailed, magnified views of the cervix. The purpose of colposcopy is to identify and sample any cancerous or pre-cancerous cells which may be present on the cervix. We will initially repeat your Pap smear and sample the inner lining of the cervix (the endocervical canal). Following this a diluted vinegar solution is used to “stain” the cervical cells and any abnormal appearing cells are sampled.

The colposcopy procedure is no more uncomfortable than a pap smear however it generally lasts about five minutes. If you wish it is sometimes helpful to take one or two Tylenol or Ibuprofen an hour prior to your appointment. You may experience some bleeding after the test however this should resolve in one to two days. Do not have intercourse for at least 72 hr following the test.

You will be provided with a follow up appointment in two weeks at the office to discuss the results of your procedure. You may contact the office ((706) 845-0500) at any time if you experience heavy bleeding, fever, pain, or a foul or smelly vaginal discharge.