

## **BIOPSY: VAGINA, CERVIX, VULVA**

Biopsy is a procedure used to remove a tissue sample from the vagina, cervix or vulva. Local anaesthesia may be used to numb the area.

### Risks or Complications

A biopsy is a relatively safe procedure. However, there are possible risks and complications with any procedure. Possible risks and complications are bleeding and/or infection.

### After the Procedure

You may feel lightheaded or dizzy immediately after the procedure. Taking slow deep breaths may help.

Quiet activity and rest the remainder of the day.

Some bleeding or discharge is normal for up to a week. Use sanitary pads. Do not use tampons. Change pads frequently.

No strenuous exercise or heavy lifting for one week.

Ask your surgeon when you can resume sexual intercourse.

You may shower and bathe as normal. Plain water is best. Do not rub the area. Gently pat the area dry.

Return to work as advised by your surgeon.

Your doctor will receive the results of your biopsy in 1-2 weeks.

**Call your doctor if you experience:**

- Excessive bleeding (more than a normal period or saturating a pad within an hour)
- Signs of infection – fever and/or chills
- Increased pain not relieved by pain medication
- Foul-smelling vaginal discharge

Special Instructions

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Follow up appointment

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