Information for Patients

Advice following treatment to your cervix

What to expect after your treatment

Having recently undergone treatment to your cervix, you can reasonably expect any or all of the following to occur:

- Cramping pains.
- Watery discharge.
- Light bleeding, which may last two to four weeks.

If you develop severe pain or bleeding heavier than a period, please contact the Colposcopy Clinic or, if out of office hours, contact the Emergency Gynaecology Unit at Saint Mary’s (see numbers below).

Following your treatment, in order to minimise the risk of infection and other complications we recommend that you:

- Avoid intercourse for 4 weeks.
- Do not use tampons for 4 weeks.
- Avoid strenuous exercise and swimming for 2 weeks.
- Avoid baths if possible and shower only for 2 weeks.

In most cases you will require a follow up HPV test in six months’ time and you will be sent an appointment for this. If the appointment is not convenient, please contact the Colposcopy clinic and the staff will be happy to rearrange this for you.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the department.
Contact numbers:

Should you require any additional information or help please contact:

Saint Mary’s Hospital patients:

Secretaries: (0161) 701 6922/276 6387 (8.30 am – 5.00 pm)

Nurse Colposcopists: (0161) 276 5485 (8.30 am - 5.00 pm)

Emergency Gynaecology Unit contact number: (0161) 276 6204

For Trafford General Hospital patients:

(0161) 746 2260, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.