Colposcopy

Technique

- Procedure involves staining the cervix with 3% acetic acid solution (like vinegar) and viewing the cervix with a special set of binoculars (the colposcope)
- If any abnormal areas are seen, a small biopsy is taken and sent to a pathologist for evaluation.

Incisions

No incisions are made in this procedure.

Operative Time

The procedure takes about 15 minutes.

Anesthesia

None

Preoperative Care

Take 400mg of ibuprofen about one hour before your procedure.

Postoperative Care

- These guidelines are intended to give you a general idea of your postoperative course. Since every patient is unique and has a unique procedure, your recovery may differ.
- Anti-inflammatory pain medicine such as ibuprofen and naproxen is usually required for the first several days to manage soreness and inflammation.
- Driving is allowed after your procedure.
- Patients may return to work on the same day.
- Nothing in the vagina for 2 weeks.
- You may experience mild vaginal bleeding. Please notify our office about bleeding heavier than your usual menstrual period.

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