

LOOP Procedure Fact Sheet

Technique

This procedure involves removing the portion of your cervix that is involved with the dysplasia (precancerous cells).

Incisions

A small incision is made on the cervix (mouth of the womb). No visible incision is present.

Operative Time

- Operative times vary greatly depending on the findings at the time of the procedure. Your surgeon will proceed with safety as his/her priority.
- Average times range from 15-30 minutes.

Anesthesia

- Local anesthesia
- Conscious sedation (as needed)
- General anesthesia (as needed)

Preoperative Care

- Schedule your case to happen immediately after your period.
- Please do not eat anything by mouth after midnight on the day prior to the surgery.

Hospital Stay

- Office procedure
- Day surgery (as needed)

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 or naproxen is usually required for the first several days.
- Driving is allowed after your procedure. If you have sedation or anesthesia for your procedure, a care partner is required to drive you to your home.
- If they desire, patients may return to work on the day after the procedure.
- You may experience mild vaginal bleeding for several days after the procedure. If it is not associated with increasing pain or fever, it is nothing to worry about and will resolve.

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