

# Suction Dilation and Curettage

## Technique

Procedure involves removing the tissue (miscarriage) from the uterus using a suction device. The endometrium (lining of the uterus) is then scraped to ensure that all the material has been removed.

## Incisions

No incisions are made for this procedure.

## Operative Time

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

## Anesthesia

- Local anesthesia and IV sedation
- General anesthesia

## Preoperative Care

Please do not eat anything by mouth after midnight the night before surgery.

## Hospital Stay

- Office procedure
- Day surgery

## 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 needed for the first several days. You will have moderate cramping that should respond to this medication.
- Driving is allowed on the day after your procedure.
- If they wish, 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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