

## **ENDOMETRIAL BIOPSY**

Done to diagnose abnormal uterine bleeding or discover the reason for an abnormally thickened uterine lining (endometrium) seen on ultrasound. Has replaced most D and Cs.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

#### **During**

Done in the office with a thin plastic straw (pipelle) that is inserted through the cervical canal to suction out a sample of tissue. This is sent to the pathologist to be checked under the microscope. Does not require anesthesia. Usually causes mild to moderate cramping during the procedure, however some women do not even feel it at all. Other women have fairly significant cramps. Cramping can be lessened by taking 600 mg. Ibuprofen about an hour prior to your appointment. If pain is significant enough to prevent the biopsy or if the cervix is too narrow to allow the pipelle to be passed, then an outpatient D and C will be necessary

#### **After**

Light bleeding and cramping for one to two days.