

## LEEP PROCEDURE

Shaving off abnormal cells on the cervix with a thin wire loop after biopsy has determined that treatment is needed. Some patients are more likely to have successful treatment with LEEP instead of cryosurgery.

**Before LEEP:** Do schedule when you are not on your period. Avoid any products with aspirin for three weeks before the procedure. Do take 600 mg. Ibuprofen about an hour before your appointment.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

#### **During**

Local anesthesia is used to numb your cervix before the LEEP. This feels like a pinch or cramp and you may also feel like your heart is racing or that you feel “shaky”. This is normal and will wear off within a few minutes. After the anesthetic is injected, you should not feel anything else. Afterwards you may have some mild cramps that you can take Tylenol or Ibuprofen for as needed.

#### **After**

Expect discharge that requires a minipad. It may be clear, brown, yellow, pink, or red and may have an odor or small “chunks”. Do not douche, use a tampon or have sex for two weeks after the LEEP. You will be checked in the office two weeks afterwards.

### FOLLOW-UP:

Pap tests are done at 3, 6 and 12 months after LEEP. About 85% of abnormal paps are normal after one LEEP treatment, however if abnormal cells persist on pap tests it may be necessary to repeat the LEEP.