

CERVIX CONE BIOPSY/ LEEP

WHAT IS A CONE BIOPSY?

A cone biopsy is an operation where the doctor removes a small cone shaped piece of the cervix showing abnormal cells in a screening.

WHAT KIND OF ANESTHESIA IS USED?

Cone biopsy happens under local anaesthesia. It is the same anesthetic we use for the previous tissue sample.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

The operation only lasts 15-20 minutes, including the anaesthesia injection. Normally you should be able to go home after about 10-15 minutes of observation in our resting area.

HOW CAN I PREPARE MYSELF?

We recommend you take 2 pills of 500mg Panodil (Pamol, Paracetamol, Pinex) and 2 pills of 200mg Ibuprofen (Ibumetin, Burana, Ipren) about 1 hour before the biopsy, in order to reduce the menstruation-like pains. You can also watch a video of the procedure by our colleges in Region Sjælland. <https://regionsjaelland.23video.com/keglesnit-1> Unlike this video, you shouldn't be able to feel any significant pain when we treat you, because we always wait 5 minutes for the local anaesthesia to work before we operate.

POST-OPERATION

Normally you shouldn't experience any pain after the operation. If you do, we recommend you take 2 pills of 500mg Panodil (Pamol, Paracetamol, Pinex) max. 4 times a day, and possibly add 2 pills of 200mg Ibuprofen max.

3 times a day. Both tablets can be bought in pharmacies.

Lifestyle

You should be able to get back to your usual activities (such as work, sports and so on) within 1-2 days following the operation. You will however have to wait another 3-4 weeks before doing vigorous physical exercise.

Possible Complications

There are seldomly complications post-op. However, you must contact us if you experience any of the following within the first 14 days:

- ❖ Heavy pains in your lower abdomen
- ❖ Heavy bleedings (more than menstruation)
- ❖ Temperature higher than 38°

Outside of the clinic's opening hours, contact your GP or 1813.

Bleedings

Throughout the first couple of weeks following the operation, it is normal to experience:

- ❖ Small bleedings
- ❖ Brown-ish, watery discharge
- ❖ Slightly malodorous discharge
- ❖ After 10-14 days: a bit of fresh bleeding (in correlation with the wound crust loosening and falling off)
- ❖ After 3-6 weeks the mucous membrane is fully healed, and a new mucous membrane covers the area

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Avoiding Infections

Until you completely stop bleeding / having “unusual” discharge, you ought to:

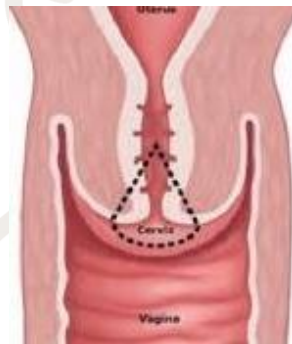
- ❖ Avoid intercourse during the first 14 days and thereafter use a condom
- ❖ Avoid bathing in a bathtub, swimming pool, or the sea
- ❖ Use hygienic pads rather than tampons.

CONE BIOPSY AND PREGNANCY

Cervical cone biopsy does not impact the possibility of being pregnant nor sexual activity in general. Repeated cone biopsy can slightly increase the chances of early child-birth.

GETTING YOUR TEST RESULTS

Before going home, you must agree with the doctor how you wish to get your test results. Normally it will take approximately 10-14 days.



Area within the cervix which is removed in a cervix cone biopsy

WHO CAN I CALL WITH QUESTIONS?

You are welcome to call Kvindeklínikken during telephone hours on 36 46 71 40.

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