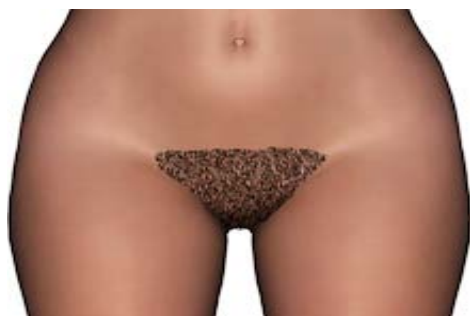


# Going for a Colposcopy



## An Easy Read Booklet

## What is a Colposcopy?



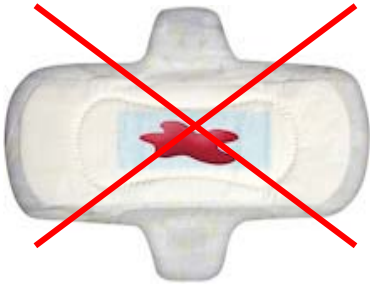
A colposcopy is a test of your cervix. The cervix is inside your vagina.

A colposcopy checks for any changes that may turn into cancer.



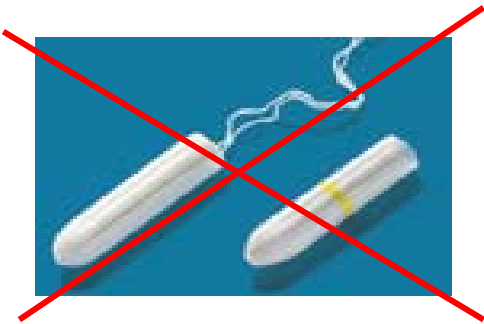
A colposcopy happens at a hospital.  
You can usually go home when it is finished.

## Before you go



You can not have a colposcopy if you are on your period.  
Tell your doctor if you are on your period.

For **1 day** before your colposcopy appointment you can not



- Use a tampon



- Have sex

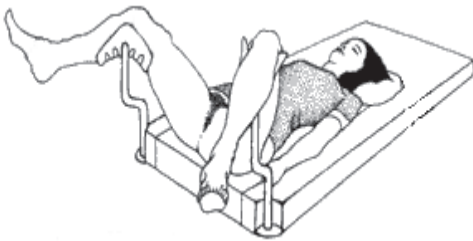


- Use creams in your vagina

## Having your Colposcopy



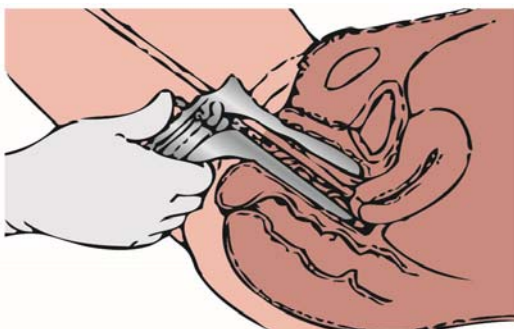
You will have to take off your pants and your trousers.



You will lie on a special couch. The couch will have supports for your legs.



The doctor or nurse might make your vagina numb. They will use a spray or a jag. This will make you more comfortable.



The doctor or nurse will gently put a speculum inside your vagina.



The doctor or nurse might put some liquid into you vagina. This helps them to see any changes. This should not be sore.



The doctor or nurse will use a special camera to look inside your vagina.



Bring a sanitary towel to wear when your colposcopy is finished.



When it is finished you might have a brown or black discharge from your vagina. This is normal



## After then Colposcopy



Your vagina and tummy can be sore after your colposcopy. This is normal.



Phone the doctor if



- You have a high temperature.



- You have lots of bleeding from your vagina.



- You have a very sore tummy.



- You have chills, feeling very cold and shivery.

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