

Coagulation Treatment

This will be offered to you if:

- You have CIN 1 changes on your cervix that have not resolved over the past 24 months
- You have an ectopy that is causing troublesome bleeding with sexual intercourse and you have had biopsies that have confirmed no major abnormality.

Hence this treatment will never be offered on a first visit.

The procedure will be explained and you will be asked to sign a consent form.

You will then undergo a colposcopy so the clinician can see clearly where the area of concern is. Sometimes we use iodine to show up the area.

A fast acting local anaesthetic can be used if you have a large area, although smaller areas can be treated without. A heated probe is applied to the cervix for 20 seconds at a time until the whole area has been treated. You will then be allowed to get dressed again.

You should be fine to drive home if needed and do not need to take time off work.

After treatment you:

- Will get a blood stained sometimes black discharge for up to 4 weeks. During this time you **MUST NOT**:
 - have sex
 - use tampons
 - go swimming
 - undertake excessive exercise
- May experience heavy bleeding that is not your period. In this instance please contact your GP in case antibiotics are needed for infection. If the bleeding persists, please contact the Emergency Room at Liverpool Women's Hospital on **0151 702 4140**

- May experience a very smelly discharge which could be infection. Again please contact your GP in case antibiotics are needed.
- Should get your next period when it's due although it may be heavier than normal
- Should continue to take the contraceptive pill as you would normally do
- May experience slight discomfort which will settle with mild painkillers

If your treatment has been for abnormal cells you will need a check smear in 6 months. This may be at the hospital smear clinic or with your GP. It is important to attend for this as it will confirm whether your treatment has been successful or not. You will not need a smear if the treatment was for bleeding.

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