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COLPOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY

RISKS & EXPECTATIONS: Any procedure involves some risks and hazards.

These include but are not limited to:

- Vaginal irritation from vinegar solution
- Bleeding (if biopsy is performed)
- Infection (if biopsy is performed)

HOW TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS:

- No sex for 7 days
- No tampons for 7 days
- No douching
- No heavy lifting (especially if you had a biopsy)
- No tub bathing for the first 24 hours

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PROVIDER

After colposcopy, it is normal to experience spotting. If a biopsy is done, a thick brownish discharge can also be expected. Some women experience minor cramping that can be relieved with over-the-counter pain medications.

Call your provider if the following occurs:

- Bleeding through a sanitary napkin in an hour
- Spotting for more than 7 days
- Cramping that is not relieved by over-the-counter pain medications
- Fever of 100°F or more
- Chills
- Bright red bleeding
- Foul smelling discharge

FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR _____.

You should realize that the evaluation and treatment of abnormalities of tissue within the vagina, such as abnormal pap smear, often require multiple visits for frequent repeat pap smears and treatment.

Failure to comply with recommended treatment could place you at risk for progressive disease and the possibility of developing cancer.