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Why do I need a colposcopy?

- Your pap test was abnormal
- This does not mean that you have cancer
- If you are pregnant the test is safe and will not affect your pregnancy
- Colposcopy is the fastest, safest way to tell the doctor why your pap test was abnormal

What is a colposcopy?

- The doctor looks at your vagina and cervix with a magnifying scope
- The doctor takes a small piece of tissue
- You may feel a small pinch when the tissue is removed
- The tissue is sent to the lab for testing
- You may have a small amount of bleeding
- The doctor puts a tampon in your vagina to put pressure on the cervix
- Colposcopy takes 5 to 10 minutes

After the colposcopy:

- Remove the tampon in 3 hours
- If you have bleeding after that, put another tampon in
- If the bleeding does not stop call your doctor

Follow-up:

- Contact your doctors office for a follow up appointment
- Reschedule your appointment if you are menstruating

Questions or Concerns:

Health Link BC: 811
(604) 215-2400
Hearing Impaired: 1 866 889-4700
Or, contact your physician

In an Emergency: Call 911 or go to the hospital emergency room