

Gynaecology Department

Vulval biopsy

The test that you have had today is called a vulval biopsy. The small piece of tissue we have taken from your vulva will be examined in the laboratory. This will help us to diagnose and recommend any treatment which may be required.

Following the procedure

- Local anaesthetic will be used to numb the area. When this has worn off, you may feel discomfort/ soreness. Normal painkillers can be taken, but do not take more than the recommended dose.
- You may have slight bleeding from the area we have taken the tissue from. You will be provided with square sterile gauze swabs to take home. If any bleeding occurs, apply slight pressure using the gauze provided.
- Dissolvable stitches are used; these will take two to three weeks to dissolve.
- You can bath or shower as normal.
- You should be able to return to work and normal activities the following day, or as the discomfort permits.
- We will send you and your GP a letter with the results of the biopsy.

If you have any questions, please contact the:

Colposcopy clinic 024 7696 7222 (8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday)

Gynaecology ward 024 7696 7007 (24 hours daily)

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 7222 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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