



COLPOSCOPY EXAMINATION

You have been asked to come for a colposcopy examination

The examination you will have is called colposcopy. It is simple, quick and generally painless and allows the doctor to decide if you need treatment.

Why do you need a Colposcopy?

You need colposcopy to screen and diagnose cervical cancer and precancerous changes on your cervix.

What is Colposcopy?

Colposcopy is a simple examination that allows the doctor to see the type and area of the abnormality on your cervix, it also lets the doctor decide if you need treatment. The Instrument used is called a colposcope and is really just a large magnifying glass which lets the doctor look more closely at the changes on your cervix.

It does not go inside you. For most women this is a painless examination, but some may find it a bit uncomfortable.

Colposcopy can be done safely during pregnancy and will not affect delivery of your baby, nor will it affect your ability to become pregnant in the future. However treatment is usually postponed until after the delivery of your baby.