



Colposcopy

If abnormal cells are found on a Pap smear, further evaluation of your cervix is necessary. The first step is to look at your cervix with a microscope or colposcope. A small piece of tissue may be taken from either the outside of your cervix if an abnormal area is seen or from the internal lining of your cervix to determine whether there are abnormal cells here. These procedures are called a cervical biopsy or endocervical curettage. If either biopsy or endocervical curettage reveals precancerous tissue, a procedure to treat the precancerous cells may be necessary.

Treatment usually involves cryotherapy if the dysplasia is mild and the entire abnormal area is visible or the LEEP procedure if the lesion extends into the endocervical canal or is moderate or severe dysplasia.