

LEEP Procedure

Loop electrical excision procedure of the cervix (LEEP) refers to an office procedure that uses a fine wire loop with low-voltage electrical current to remove, or excise, a cone-shaped biopsy of cervical tissue. A LEEP procedure is both a diagnostic and treatment tool used to detect and treat abnormalities of the cervix.

The cervix is covered with tissue that is continuously being replaced. As the cells on the top become "old" and are shed, cells from below move to the surface and replace them. When normal cells are replaced with abnormal cells, a condition known as dysplasia has developed. Areas of dysplasia can go away on its own, remain unchanged, or become more concerning leading to cancer.

I authorize Dr. _____, and such health professionals in training and assistants that he/she may select, to perform a LEEP procedure under local anesthesia performed here at SWHC.

I confirm that my doctor has advised me about my condition, the nature and benefits of the proposed treatment, alternatives, and related risks associated with LEEP. The risks may include but or not limited to infection, bleeding and/or treatment failure.

I was given an explanation of any unfamiliar terms and was offered the opportunity to ask questions regarding the LEEP procedure. I understand my post-op instructions and realize this is an important part of my recovery plan.

I understand that any tissue samples will be forwarded to Rockingham Memorial Hospital Pathology Department for further evaluation.

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Interpreter Attestation (when applicable):

Name of interpreter used during informed consent discussion: _____

