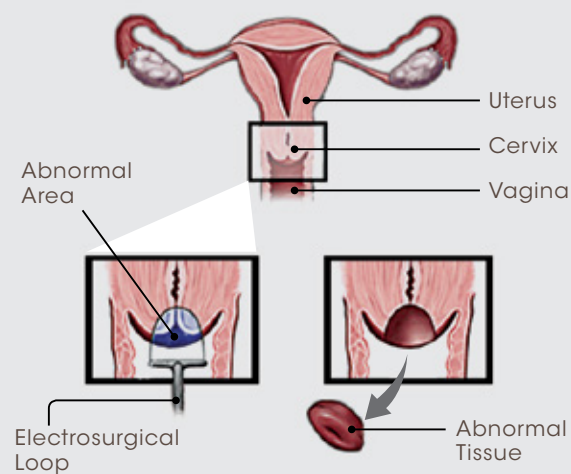


# LARGE LOOP EXCISION OF THE TRANSFORMATION ZONE (LLETZ) / LOOP ELECTROSURGICAL EXCISION PROCEDURE (LEEP)

A LLETZ/LEEP procedure is performed to remove the abnormal tissue that has been found on your cervix (neck of the womb/uterus).



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## HOW IS THIS DONE ?

The procedure may be done under general or local anaesthetic. An examination is performed and the cervix is stained with either dilute acetic acid (a mild vinegar) or a type of liquid iodine (a dark brown coloured solution). This allows visualisation of any abnormal tissue under high magnification with a special type of microscope called a colposcope.

A small diathermy pad is applied to your thigh. A fine wire loop with a special high frequency electric current is used for the precise removal of the abnormal tissue from the cervix.

## PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE

Continue your usual medications, unless advised otherwise.

Stop smoking.

You will need to stop eating and drinking at the following times on the day of your surgery:

- at midnight (the night before) for a morning procedure;
- or
- at 6 am for an afternoon procedure.

## AFTER THE PROCEDURE

- You will be taken to the Day Surgery Unit to recover and have someone pick you up. You may experience some pelvic or lower back discomfort afterwards.
- Vaginal bleeding may occur for about 2 weeks after the LLETZ but should decrease over this time. A light discharge may persist for up to 4 weeks. Please rest for 3-4 days afterwards.
- Refrain from intercourse, exercise, using tampons, swimming & baths for 4 weeks after your procedure to allow full tissue healing to take place.
- You will have an appointment made for a follow-up 3 months after your LLETZ procedure. You will receive a phone call 10 to 14 days after your operation with the final pathology results and recommendations.

Please call us on 9468 5188 if you wish to confirm or change your appointment.

