



## Pre-Operative & Post-Operative Information for the LEEP

Dr. Praderio has discussed with you the need for having a procedure called LEEP. This is both a diagnostic and treatment procedure for the abnormal pap smear

The procedure begins with an evaluation of the cervix through a special microscope called a colposcope. After identifying the areas of probable abnormalities through the colposcope, the actual loop electroexcision procedure will be done.

It is important that you thoroughly understand what will be done. The following are some of the main points to know about the procedure:

1. You will also be given an anesthetic.
2. You will need to schedule a post op appointment with Dr. Praderio in 2 weeks or according to her specific directions.
3. You will experience some vaginal discharge that may be dark brown or black in color or some bright red bleeding or spotting.
4. They day of the procedure and 7 days from the procedure are that 2 most common times that excessive bleeding may be seen. Excessive bleeding should be reported to Dr. Praderio.
5. Before your post-operative examination with Dr. Praderio, DO NOT:
  - a. use tampons
  - b. have intercourse
  - c. douche

**Call the office if you are experiencing any of the following:**

- Temperature of 101 degrees or above
- Bleeding that is heavier than a menstrual period. (Soaking a sanitary pad in less than 30 min)
- Severe abdominal pain