

## Women's Health Department

# Your visit to Colposcopy



When you arrive at Dorset County Hospital, please come to the East Wing 1 entrance, which is near the landmark called the Pencils.



Walk down the corridor, through the double doors and the Women's Health Department is on the right hand side.



Please let the receptionist know you have arrived. She may give you a piece of paper with some questions to answer about your health before you see the Doctor or Nurse.



This is one of our Consultants, Miss Dandawate, who performs the colposcopy examination. She will talk with you before the examination and you can ask her any questions you may have.

Miss Cooper and Mr Iftikhar are also Doctors. Rachel Hill is the Colposcopy nurse.

### **What is a colposcopy?**

It is a check (examination) of the cervix (neck of the womb).

### **Why would I need a check?**

If you have had a smear test (sometimes called cervical screening) and the test has shown that you have some abnormal cells, then a specialist doctor or nurse at the hospital will do a check of your cervix to find out more.



Our colposcopy room has an area where you can get changed.

There is a special bed to make the check more comfortable for you.

You can watch on the TV screen or look at the pictures on the ceiling.

You can bring a friend or relative who can stay with you all the time.

This is Rachel Hill, the colposcopy nurse, with Helen, a Support Worker, and Laura who is a Staff nurse.



This is Katrina, one of our Support workers, with Mairha, a Staff Nurse.

There are usually 2 nurses in the room during your examination. They will look after you and help the doctor or specialist nurse.

They are standing in front of our changing area. It has a curtain for your privacy.



If you have to change your appointment or have any questions about your visit, you can phone our administrator.

You can also ask to speak to a nurse.



This is part of our waiting area. We have some magazines and also toys as we have lots of children who come into the department.

## Contact Numbers:

We hope that you have found this information useful.

If you have any questions or are worried about anything, please speak to your family doctor (GP) or the following Dorset County Hospital Staff:

Colposcopy Nurse: 01305 254239

Colposcopy appointments: 01305 255729

## Useful Websites:

Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust (information, help and support for women)  
[www.jostrust.org.uk](http://www.jostrust.org.uk)

The British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (information on testing and Colposcopy)  
[www.bsccp.org.uk](http://www.bsccp.org.uk)

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