

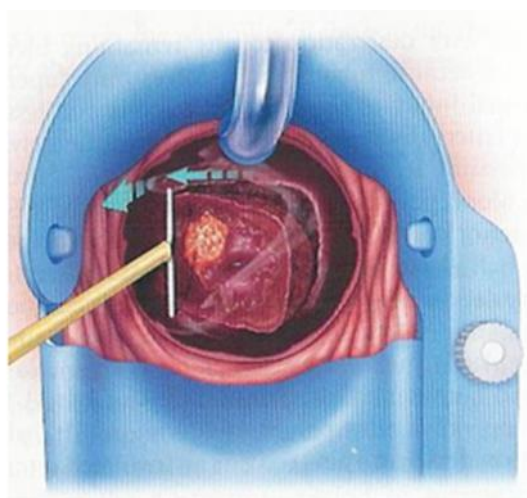
Patientinformation

Masthugget gynekologi- och obstetrikmottagning, Regionhälsan

## Treatment of cervical cell abnormalities

The medical investigation/examination has shown that you have cervical cell abnormalities of the kind that may develop into cancer of the cervix of the uterus if not removed. These should therefore be removed by a small operation here at Gynekologimottagningen Masthugget. After you have been diagnosed with cervical cell abnormalities we will book an appointment for you and the procedure takes approximately 45 minutes. The operation is done under local anesthesia, not unlike the one a dentist would use. If you know that you are allergic or hypersensitive to local anesthesia it is important to give us this information. The actual injections are less painful as the cervix is relatively insensitive to pain.

During the operation the doctor will use an instrument with a thin, bent metal wire that is heated to a very high temperature through electricity. The wire (slynga) is then used to easily cut through tissue and also seals the blood vessels, which stops the bleeding. The treatment is adjusted according to the size of the lesion but most often it will be no larger than a button.



After the procedure you may go to work, school or do your daily activities. You should avoid intercourse for three weeks and heavy physical exercise the days following the procedure. You will receive more exact information on this at the clinic.

Side effects are rare but if they occur the most common is bleeding. Approximately 1 of 20 will need medical consultation, within 1-3 weeks after the operation, due to bleeding. In the long run one knows that women tend to give birth a week or so earlier in any future pregnancies after going through treatment due to cell abnormalities. With the small customized treatments, that we perform here, we are convinced that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and we would not perform these operations without due cause.

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