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## *Information for You from Your Health Care Team*

### **PAP Smear Results**

#### **CIN: Cervical (opening to womb) Intraepithelial (with in the skin cells) Neoplasia (abnormal cell)**

There is a change in the cells on the surface of the cervix. **These changes do not mean cancer.** The changes if not treated could become cancer at a later time.

These abnormal cells are usually found when the HPV (human papilloma virus) is present. This virus infects the surface cells of the cervix in an area called the transformation zone (in this area cells grow and divide a lot). The virus infects these cells and causes a lesion. Removal of this lesion is effective treatment.

#### **Options for treatment are:**

1. LEEP Procedure. An electrical current is used to take a slice out of the surface of the cervix.
2. Cryotherapy. Liquid nitrogen is used to freeze surface of cervix.
3. Cone Biopsy Surgical Procedure. A wedge of cervical tissue is removed.

#### **Follow up:**

Your care provider will repeat the PAP and may do a colposcopy to see if the abnormal tissue has been removed.

Speak Up if You Have Questions or Concerns