

Post operative instructions for Dilation and Curettage (D & C) for a miscarriage

Activity

You may resume most normal activity as you feel up to it. Since we place an instrument inside the uterus (womb) through the vagina during this operation, you should expect some vaginal bleeding. The bleeding should become less every day and is usually gone within one week. To allow proper healing, avoid placing anything in the vagina (tampons, douching, sexual intercourse) until we see you back for your visit in two weeks.

Pain relief

Pain from this procedure generally resembles menstrual cramping. For this, we recommend using over-the-counter pain relievers such as ibuprofen (e.g. Advil), naproxen (e.g. Aleve), and acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol). If your pain requires more relief, please call us.

Things to watch and call for:

If your bleeding becomes heavier, you pass large clots, or the bleeding lasts more than one week.

If you develop a foul smelling vaginal discharge.

If you develop a fever greater than 100.0 degrees.

If your abdominal pain starts getting worse.

If you develop nausea or vomiting, or if you have trouble having a bowel movement.

If you have trouble urinating, burning when you urinate, or feel the need to urinate very often.

If you have new and sudden chest pain, difficulty breathing, or cough up blood.

Please call if you have any concerns or questions not covered here.

Return or a post-operative visit in _____

Call the office for this appointment.

Phone numbers: Bel Air office: 443-643-4300, Havre de Grace Office: 410-939-3121

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nurse Signature: _____ Date: _____

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