Endometrial Ablation

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DEFINITION:

A "roller-ball" type of instrument is passed through a long, thin tube that has been inserted into the uterus. The endometrial lining is removed by a coagulation (burning) process.

The expectation is that following this procedure you will no longer have any bleeding, although you might experience spotting.

- I. You should be able to resume your normal activity in 1-2 days with no strenuous activity for 3 weeks
- 2. You may have irregular spotting, light bleeding, and some pelvic discomfort for 1-2 weeks
- 3. You may shower in 24 hours post procedure but avoid tub baths until spotting and bleeding is stopped
- 4. You should not use tampons unless given permission by your surgeon
- 5. Sexual intercourse should not be resumed for 4 weeks

Notify your surgeon if:

- I. Fever
- 2. Bleeding persists or increases and you are soaking one sanitary pad in 60 minutes or less
- 3. Large clots are passed
- 4. Severe abdominal cramps or abdominal pain that does not go away
- 5. You cannot urinate

If necessary, follow-up with your surgeon:

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Talk to a Nurse 24 hours/day, 7 days/week Pharmacist available between 5 p.m. - 9 a.m. daily Dietitian between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Monday to Friday



