

These procedures are usually carried out for diagnostic purposes under general anaesthetic as Day Case.

The operation is performed through the vagina and takes only a few minutes. The cervix is gently dilated to allow a small instrument to pass into the uterus to inspect the uterine cavity and then the soft lining of the uterus (endometrium) is easily scrapped out (curettage). The fine scrapings or curettings are then sent to the laboratory for careful analysis which will give the Doctor useful information regarding your condition.

A general anaesthetic will be given to you while this operation is carried out so you will be asleep and feel nothing at all. This is done through a small needle in the back of your hand. Because you will have a general anaesthetic, it is extremely important that you have **nothing to eat or drink** for at least six hours before your operation. This information is given to you when the date of your admission is arranged.

Following the operation you will rest on the ward for a while until you feel well enough to leave, with an escort, for home where you should continue to rest for at least a day. You will have very little discomfort, if any, and some light bleeding for perhaps a few days.

An appointment will be made for you to attend the Gynaecological Clinic a few weeks after your operation.

Please keep a record of any bleeding or periods that you may have after leaving hospital and bring this with you when you come for your clinic appointment.

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