

## **HYSTEROSCOPY**

Hysteroscopy is an outpatient surgical procedure which allows the physician a view of the internal cavity of the uterus. It involves placing a thin telescope through the cervix and into the cavity of the uterus. The procedure may be used to evaluate and treat abnormal uterine bleeding, infertility, uterine fibroids, and polyps of the lining of the uterus. Hysteroscopy is also used at the same time as a procedure known as endometrial ablation, a treatment for heavy menstrual periods.

Hysteroscopy is generally associated with a short recovery and minimal pain or cramping. The risks with this procedure include failure to diagnose or treat the problem being investigated, infection, perforation of the uterine wall (unintended hole in the wall of the uterus), and injury to adjacent structures such as the bowel or bladder.

**Post operative instructions** are available in this website for those patients who will or have had hysteroscopy.