

Information Protocol on a Reinforcement Suture (Cerclage) or Closure of the Cervix

Name:

First name:

Date of birth:

This page should provide you with information, not worry you. It is only part of the information you will receive. The planned intervention will be discussed with you in person. Please ask about anything that is unclear or seems important, and don't hesitate to say if you would prefer not to know too much about the forthcoming procedure.

Reasons for the procedure: This procedure reinforces the cervix with a suture to safeguard pregnancy. It is used in patients who have lost pregnancies in the second trimester of pregnancy, changes in the cervix (shortening, opening), or when the cervix has been shortened in previous operations.

Operation method: The cervix is closed by a thread being placed around it. In a very early pregnancy and in the case of strong cervical opening, complete closure by suturing may be necessary in rare cases. Access is through the vagina. The anesthesiologist will discuss with you whether the procedure will be performed under general or partial anesthesia (near the spinal cord).

Risks and complications: Because this procedure can cause contractions, you will be given drugs that inhibit contractions. Despite this precaution, contractions can rarely become so strong that miscarriage occurs. In very rare cases, the operation may open the amniotic sac and cause miscarriage.

After the procedure: How long you must stay in the hospital after the procedure varies. Despite the suture, preventive measures are often necessary to prevent premature birth. If your blood type is Rhesus negative, you will be given an injection of Rhesus antibody; this will prevent your body from producing antibodies and possibly impairing the child's development. Generally, the suture is removed in the 37th week of pregnancy. If a premature birth is imminent or if the amniotic sac opens, the reinforcement must be removed sooner.

Cost: The operation is a mandatory service of the health insurance company. If you have additional insurance, carefully evaluate the benefits before hospitalization.

Your questions:

Explanatory consultation

Interpreter:
