

Hysteroscopic mechanical tissue removal (hysteroscopic morcellation) for uterine fibroids

Information for the public

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There is not enough evidence about how well this procedure works, and it can cause complications. So it can only be done with special arrangements. This means you will have regular appointments afterwards to check how well it is working or if it has caused problems.

Uterine fibroids are non-cancerous growths that develop in or around the womb (uterus). This procedure is done for fibroids inside the womb, using a general, local or spinal anaesthetic. A thin tube with a camera on the end (hysteroscope) is inserted through the vagina and cervix and into the womb. Instruments are passed through the hysteroscope to cut the fibroid into small pieces (morcellation). The pieces of fibroid are removed through the hysteroscope. The aim is to reduce symptoms caused by fibroids.

The [NHS website](http://www.nhs.uk) may have information on your condition and treatment options.

Is this procedure right for me?

You should be included in [making decisions about your care](#).

Your healthcare professionals should explain the risks and benefits of this procedure and how it is done. They should discuss your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. They should offer you more information about the procedure. Your family or carers can be involved if you want or need them to be.

You will be asked to decide whether you agree (consent) to have the procedure. Find out more about [giving consent to treatment on the NHS website](#).

Some questions to think about

- How many appointments will I need?
- What are the possible benefits? How likely am I to get them?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- Will I have to stay in hospital?
- What happens if it does not work or something goes wrong?
- What happens if I do not want the procedure?
- Are other treatments available?

More information

- [NICE's information on HealthTech guidance](#) explains what HealthTech is and how we assess it.
- [NICE's information on HealthTech recommendations](#) explains what special arrangements are.

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