

MANAGEMENT OF A SURGICAL PATIENT

ROUTINE POST OPERATIVE CARE

CERVICAL CERCLAGE

AIM

To provide details on the nursing care to be provided to a woman following cervical cerclage.

PROCEDURE

1. Observations are to be performed as per clinical guideline [Care following minor surgery for gynaecology, oncology, urogynaecology](#)
2. Observe vaginal loss closely and report any contractions, excessive blood loss or any amount of clear fluid (amniotic fluid) to the medical officer.
3. Report any change in fetal movements.
4. Rest in bed with toilet privileges as per medical officer's instructions. This is usually for 24 hours post operatively.

For patients who are admitted to Ward 6 following this procedure:

1. Observations are to be performed as per clinical guideline, [Care following major surgery for gynaecology, oncology, urogynaecology](#), for patients returning to Ward 6 post operatively.
2. Continue all care as per above instructions.

REFERENCES (STANDARDS)	
National Standards – 1 Clinical Care is Guided by Current Best Practice Legislation – Nil	
Related Policies / Guidelines – Nil Other related documents – Nil	
RESPONSIBILITY	
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