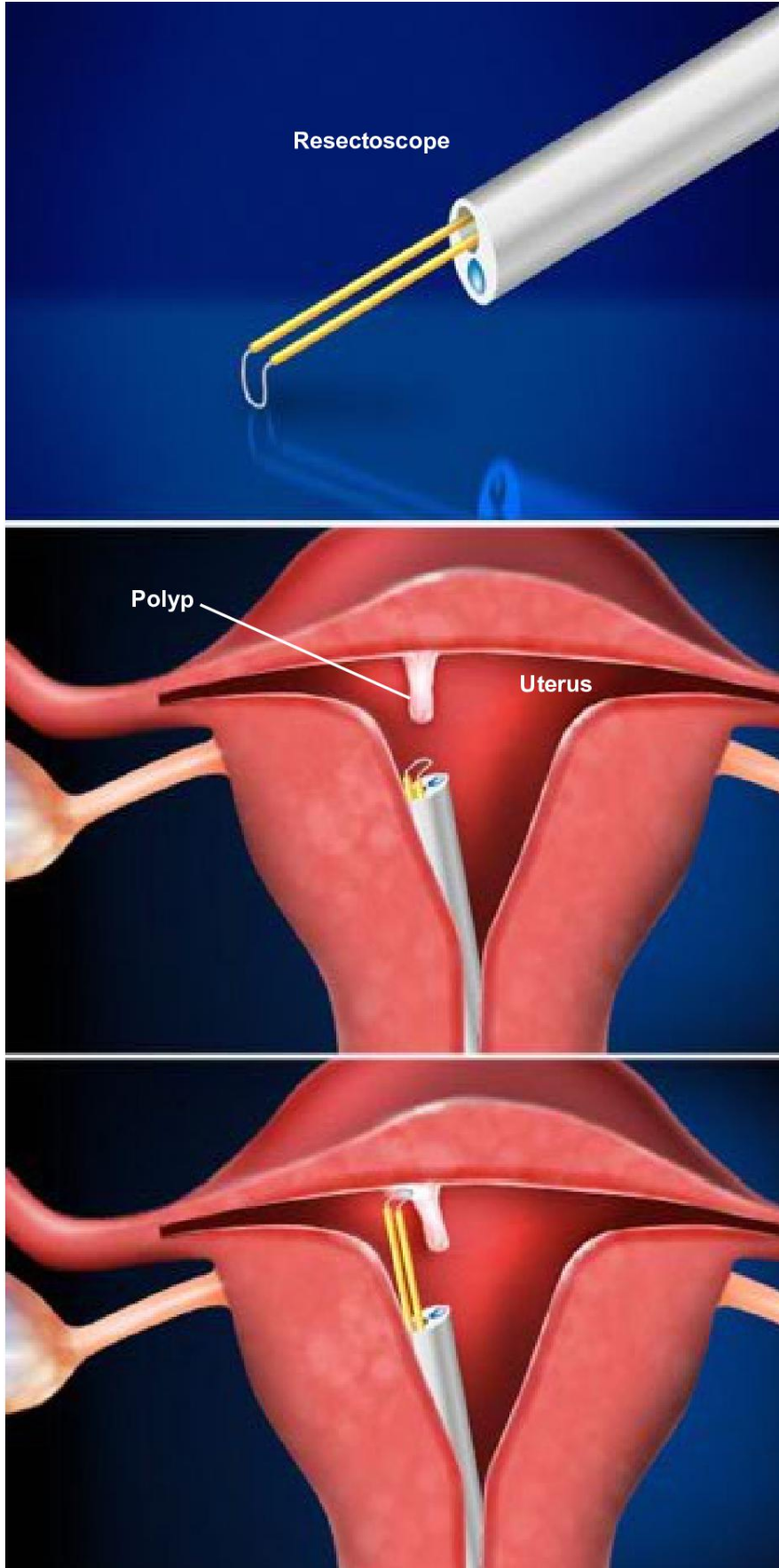




Hysteroscopic Polypectomy



Overview

This procedure uses a device called a "hysteroscope" (also known as a "resectoscope") to remove one or more polyps in your womb. A polyp is a bulb of tissue that grows on your womb's inner wall.

Preparation

To begin, you lie on an exam table that supports your legs and feet. We may give you medicine to get you relaxed and numb. We carefully place a device called a "speculum" into your vagina. The speculum holds your vagina open so we can reach your cervix. That's the lower part of your womb. We may also need to enlarge the opening in the center of your cervix. We do this with a thin rod called a "dilator."

Polyp removal

Now we guide the hysteroscope through your vagina and cervix. The hysteroscope is a thin tube with a light and a camera. It shows the inside of your womb on a monitor. It also has a space that we can pass things through. We send air or fluid through the hysteroscope to expand your womb so we can see more clearly. We pass a cutting device through the hysteroscope. That may be a loop of wire. We charge the wire with an electric current. As we pass it across the wall of the womb, it cleanly removes the polyp.

Conclusion

When we're done, we watch you for a brief time, then you can go home. Follow your care tips for a safe recovery. We'll follow up with you soon about any next steps we need to take.