Suction Evacuation

**Indication**
Anxiety state, miscarriage, maternal medical condition, abnormal fetus

**The Procedure**
- Reassess after admission – may cancel the procedure if uterine size found to be too big for suction evacuation
- Priming of cervix if necessary
- Local anaesthesia + conscious sedation or general anaesthesia
- Cervical dilatation if necessary
- Insertion of the suction tube
- Uterine content evacuated under negative pressure
- All tissue removed will be sent to the department of pathology or disposed of as appropriate unless otherwise specified

Photographic and / or video images may be recorded during the operation for education / research / documentation purpose, please inform the staff if you have any objection.

**Risk and Complication**
- Anaesthetic complications
- Cervical tear (1 in 100)
- Incomplete evacuation/failure of the procedure resulting in continuation of pregnancy
- Excessive bleeding (1 in 1000), may need blood transfusion
- Uterine perforation (1-4 in 1000) with or without trauma to surrounding organs necessitating laparoscopy / laparotomy
- Pelvic infection (1 in 100) and adverse effect on future fertility
- Intrauterine adhesions
- Cervical incompetence
- Third stage complications in future pregnancy
- Adverse psychological sequelae

**Risk of Not Having the Procedure**
- Continuation of the pregnancy which involves risk to the life or of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman
- Delivery of a child who will suffer from physical or mental abnormality and being seriously handicapped
- Vaginal bleeding, abdominal pain or infection in case of incomplete miscarriage

**After the Procedure**
- May experience some vaginal bleeding and mild abdominal cramps within 2 weeks after operation
Alternative Treatment
- Continuation of pregnancy and support from the Birthright Society or the Mothers’ Choice
- Expectant treatment for incomplete miscarriage or medical treatment for silent miscarriage

Follow Up
- Future contraception

Remarks
The information contained is very general, the list of complications is not exhaustive and other unforeseen complications may occasionally occur. In special patient groups, the actual risk may be different. For further information please contact your doctor.