

Intrauterine Contraceptive System (IUS)

Name of Procedure:

Insertion of Intrauterine Contraceptive System IUS (Mirena)

The intended benefits:

- To prevent unwanted pregnancy – this is not 100% effective

The possible risks:

- There is a very small chance of getting an infection during the first 20 days after an IUS is put in.
- The IUS can be pushed out of your womb (expulsion) 1 in 20.
- There is a very small risk that an IUS might go through (perforate) your womb or cervix when it is put in; 1.3 in 1000.
- If you do become pregnant whilst using an IUS there is a small increased risk of you having an ectopic pregnancy.
- There is a risk of cervical shock which can make you feel light-headed and drop your blood pressure. Occasionally we need to give you special drugs to correct this at the time of the fit.