

An Endometrial Thermal Ablation is a minimally invasive procedure for women who are experiencing heavy periods and have completed childbearing. It does not require the use of general anesthesia, incisions, or hormones and offers a safe, effective alternative to a hysterectomy. Most women who have this procedure experience significantly lighter periods with reduced cramping.

What to expect from this procedure:

- Under local anesthesia, the doctor inserts a device into your uterus that will then provide energy to heat the inside of your uterus for 2 minutes. No incision is required. You may feel cramping or pressure during the procedure.
- The entire treatment, from the time the device is inserted until the device is removed, usually takes less than 4 minutes.
- You will need to make arrangements for someone to drive you to and from your appointment and plan on recovering at home the rest of the day.

Benefits of this procedure:

- No incisions or use of hormones
- Minimally invasive
- Performed in our office under local anesthesia and with narcotics
- Allows women to return to their normal activities in 1 to 2 days
- $\circ \quad \mbox{Covered by most insurances} \\$
- 92 of 100 patients had their heavy bleeding reduced to a normal level or less
- o 66 of 100 patients had no bleeding following this treatment
- o More than half of patients with previous menstrual cramping experienced a decrease following this procedure
- o 90 of 100 patients were satisfied with the results