

Post coital and Intermenstrual bleeding

PCB is non-menstrual bleeding from the genital tract which occurs immediately after sexual intercourse. IMB is bleeding from the genital tract out with menses.

PCB after the menopause should be regarded as PMB and referred as such.

Suggested GP actions

- Pelvic and speculum examination to exclude cervical pathology. If suspicion of cervical malignancy refer urgently using **colposcopy template** rather than to general gynaecology
- Offer STI screening where appropriate
- Ensure cervical screening is up to date
- Refer routinely to general gynaecology on the 'other' template

Information for patients

- Reassure patients that the majority of causes will be benign/hormonal in origin
- Investigations may include transvaginal scan and/or pipelle endometrial biopsy and/or colposcopy