



Medication Used Prior to Your IUD Placement

Placement of an IUD may cause mild to moderate discomfort.

For this reason *SAKURA WOMEN'S HEALTH* offers medication to be taken prior to your appointment.

Misoprostol or Cytotec: This medication is used to soften the cervical opening. You may recognize this medication as it is sometimes used to induce labor. There are typically no side effects. Usually you will be asked to take it the night before the procedure and in some instances the morning of the procedure. If you are possibly pregnant, it is important you take a pregnancy test prior to taking this medication as it may lead to miscarriage.

Vicodin and Ativan: These medications are used in combination to help both with pain and anxiety. These are taken an hour before your appointment. It is important that someone accompany you to the appointment to drive you home if you choose to take these medications as you will be unsafe to drive. If you have had an adverse reaction to either of these medications substitutions will be made.