Introduction
Suction evacuation is a type of abortion method by using vacuum force to remove the tissue (gestational products) from the uterus.

Indication
- Miscarriage
- Retained products of gestation
- Others: ___________________________

The Operation / Procedure
1. Priming of cervix if necessary
2. General anaesthesia or local anaesthesia + conscious sedation
3. Cervical dilatation if necessary
4. Insertion of the suction curette
5. Uterine content evacuated under negative pressure
6. All tissue removed will be sent to the department of pathology or disposed of as appropriate unless otherwise specified

Before the Operation / Procedure
1. A written consent is required
2. Keep fast 6hrs before operation
3. Cervical priming with cytotec (if necessary)
4. Change to operation gown before transferring to operating room
5. Empty urinary bladder before operation

After the Operation / Procedure
1. Patient who have undergone general anesthesia may have fatigue nausea or vomiting. If the symptoms persisted or aggravated, please inform health care providers.
2. Bed rest 2 to 3 hours after operation
3. Patient can drink some water after bed rest, if no vomiting, patient can eat some easily digested food such as congee.
4. May experience some vaginal bleeding and mild abdominal cramps within 2 weeks after operation

Patient’s Label
Patient Name: ______________
Hospital No: ______________
Adm No/Episode No: __________
Suction Evacuation

Risk and Complication
1. Anaesthetic complications
2. Cervical tear (1 in 100)
3. Incomplete evacuation
4. Excessive bleeding (1 in 1000), may need blood transfusion
5. Uterine perforation (1-4 in 1000) with or without trauma to surrounding organs necessitating laparoscopy / laparotomy and repairment of injured organs
6. Pelvic infection (1 in 100) and adverse effect on future fertility
7. Intrauterine adhesions
8. Cervical incompetence
9. Third stage complications in future pregnancy
10. Adverse psychological sequela
11. Risk of Not Having the Procedure : Vaginal bleeding, abdominal pain or infection in case of incomplete miscarriage

Alternative Treatment
Medication evacuation / observation

Disclaimer
This leaflet only provides general information pertaining to this operation / procedure. While common risks and complications are described, the list is not exhaustive, and the degree of risk could also vary between patients. Please contact your doctor for detailed information and specific enquiry.

Reference
Smart patient website by Hospital Authority: Suction Evacuation (2008)