

Semen analysis after a vasectomy

Pathology Department Patient Information Leaflet

Introduction

Your consultant or GP must provide you with a completed microbiology request form with the following information:

- Your details – full name, date of birth and address.
- The requesting doctor's name and type of specimen.
- Clinical details – to include a reason for the analysis which is 'post vasectomy'.

What do I do to collect the sample?

It is important to note that there are no facilities for samples to be produced at the Microbiology Laboratory and it must therefore be collected before coming to the Pathology Department.

The sample must be collected into a sterile, yellow screw-capped 70ml container provided by the requesting doctor. Alternatively, you can collect one from Pathology Department reception at Russells Hall Hospital.

- Label the specimen container with your name, and the date and time of collection.
- The specimen must be obtained by masturbation and the entire sample must be collected directly into the container provided. **Do not** use a condom as they contain spermicide (a sperm-killing agent).
- Ensure the cap is screwed down firmly and place in the bag attached to the request form and then seal the bag.
- During transit to the laboratory to drop the sample off, make sure it is kept warm (body temperature), either in an inside pocket or against the skin, as a drop in temperature may kill sperm, making the test difficult to interpret.
- Bring your sample (ideally within one hour of collection) with the request form to the Pathology Laboratory reception, first floor, West Wing, Russells Hall Hospital.
- Please hand the sample to the receptionist.

You can only hand in post vasectomy semen samples during the hours 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

Samples will not be examined if:

- Your name, the date and time of collection is not on the sample container.
- The sample has leaked in transit.
- The specimen is received in an unsuitable container. The containers issued have been tested for toxicity prior to distribution as part of our quality assurance and therefore other containers may affect the results.

How do I get my results?

The results will be issued to the requesting GP or consultant and will be available 48 hours after you bring the sample in.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

Microbiology Department on 01384 244056 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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