

Semen Specimen for Infertility Investigations

You Must:

- Label the container with the details of the male that has produced the sample. A minimum of 3 identifiers are needed:
 - Name
 - DOB
 - Address or NHS/hospital number.
- Provide a complete/ whole sample:
 - Incomplete or leaking samples will not be examined as they may result in inaccurate results &/ or inappropriate treatment.
 - Only a single ejaculate should be provided for examination.
- Use the specimen pot provided by your clinician, do not clean or wash it.
- Produce the sample by hand masturbation. Samples produced by interrupted intercourse or by using a condom will not be suitable.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse or masturbation for at least 2 days prior to producing your sample but wait no longer than 7 days before production.
- Deliver the sample to DRI Histopathology Specimen Reception within 1hr of production - we cannot guarantee to examine specimens outside of this timeframe.
 - Bring the signed request form from your clinician when delivering your sample.

Infertility semen samples are accepted for analysis between 9.00am and 12 noon Monday to Friday (excluding bank / public holidays).

Additional Information

- Patients should note that there are no facilities available on site for the production of semen samples.



- It is advisable to keep the sample as close to body temperature as possible by placing close to the skin or in a pocket.
- Patients will be asked to provide additional information about their sample on arrival at Histopathology specimen reception (eg date and time of production, length of abstinence, whether the sample was complete). Samples received via GP surgeries or without this additional information will not be accepted.
- Results will take between 7 and 14 days to become available. Your clinician will advise you how and when to obtain your results.

For any queries please contact Histopathology on 01302 642859.

Directions to Histopathology specimen reception, DRI

Enter the hospital via A&E, turn right and take the first turning on your left, continue to the end of the corridor. Turn right and go through the double doors and down the flight of stairs onto the basement corridor. The Histopathology reception is immediately on the left hand side; ring the bell for access.

Travelling to Doncaster Royal Infirmary?

Why not use the free Park & Ride service from Doncaster racecourse - free parking with free shuttle buses to and from the hospital every 15-20 minutes (6.30am-10.00pm, Mon-Fri).

Travelling between our hospitals? Why not use the free shuttle buses between: Bassetlaw Hospital and Doncaster Royal Infirmary
Montagu Hospital and Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Patient Experience Team

The team are available to help with any concerns/complaints you may have about your experience at the Trust. Their office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person, by telephone or email.

The contact details are:

Telephone: 01302 553140 or 0800 028 8059

Email: pals.dbh@dbh.nhs.uk

