

Production and delivery of a semen sample for fertility investigations.

This leaflet has been produced for patients who have been asked to produce a semen sample for fertility investigations.

Analysis of a semen sample for fertility investigations is completed by the Histopathology Department at Doncaster Royal Infirmary (DRI) and is by appointment only.

There are no facilities on site for production of a semen sample, the sample must be produced at home and delivered directly to the department within 50 minutes of production.

A temporary parking permit is available to allow free parking within a pay and display space when delivering a sample.

You must:

- Collect a pack containing a toxicity tested container and temporary parking permit from the Histopathology specimen reception at DRI or Pathology reception at Bassetlaw Hospital.
- Contact the department on Tel: 01302 642860 to make an appointment for semen analysis. Or, you can arrange an appointment when collecting your pack. Semen analysis is performed on an appointment only basis.
- Use only the pot provided, do not clean or wash the pot prior to use.



- Label the container with the details of the male that has produced the sample. A minimum of three of the following identifiers are needed:
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Address
 - NHS/hospital number
- Provide a complete/ whole sample:
 - Incomplete or leaking samples will not be examined as they may result in inaccurate results and/ or inappropriate treatment.
 - Only a single ejaculate should be provided for examination.
- Produce the sample by hand masturbation. Samples produced by interrupted intercourse or by using a condom are not suitable for analysis.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse or masturbation for at least 48 hours prior to producing your sample but wait no longer than seven days before producing your sample.
- Deliver the sample directly to the Histopathology Specimen Reception at Doncaster Royal Infirmary within 50 minutes of production. Guidelines state analysis should occur within one hour of sample production. Samples delivered to other facilities will not meet the required acceptance criteria and will not be analysed.
- Provide the signed request form from your clinician when delivering your sample. We will not analyse the sample without a request form.

Additional Information

- It is advisable to keep the sample as close to body temperature as possible by placing the container close to the skin or in a pocket. Samples should not be subjected to extreme temperatures as this may affect the sample.

- Free parking is available for delivery of your sample on the day of your appointment when using a temporary parking permit. Please complete the date of use and vehicle registration and park in any pay and display bay; please do not park in a named or numbered bay, a disabled bay or an On Call bay.

Please display the permit clearly on your dashboard. Parking enforcement is operational across all sites. Failure to adhere to Trust car parking terms and conditions will result in a Parking Charge Notice (PCN) issue. Valid permits must be on display and vehicles parked in marked bays.

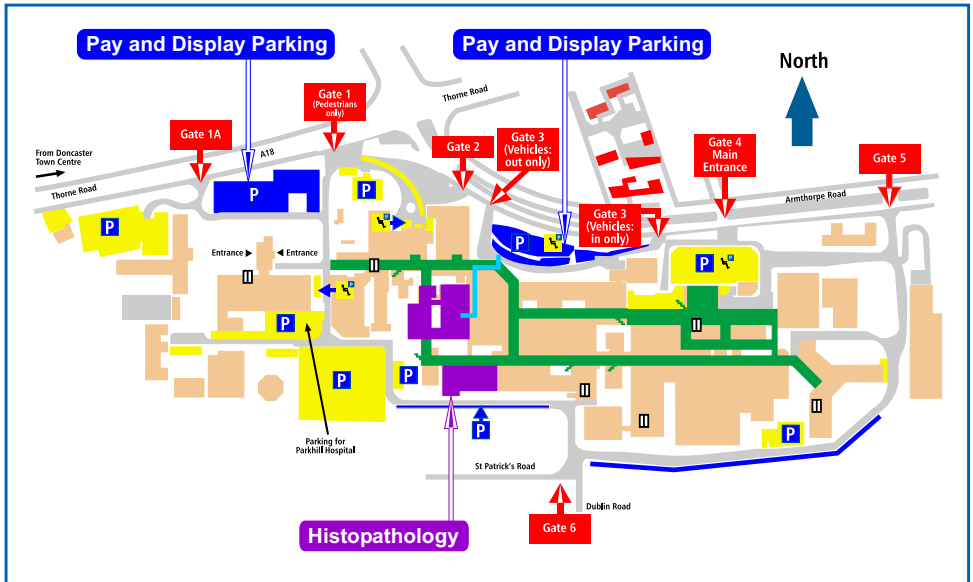
- You or your representative will be asked to provide additional information about the sample on arrival at Histopathology specimen reception (e.g. date and time of production, length of abstinence, whether the sample was complete). Samples received via GP surgeries or without this additional information will not be accepted.
- Results will take up to 14 days to become available. Your clinician will advise you how and when to obtain your results.

If you have any queries with these requirements or wish to speak to a member of staff regarding production of a semen sample for fertility investigations please contact the histopathology department on Tel: 01302 642860.

Directions to Histopathology specimen reception, Doncaster Royal Infirmary (see map below)

Enter the hospital via the A&E entrance, turn right and take the first turning on your left, follow signs for Histopathology specimen reception. 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 attention.



Appointment for Semen Analysis:	
Location - Histopathology DRI:	
Date:	Time:

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

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 642764 or 0800 028 8059

Email: dbth.pals.dbh@nhs.net