

Post Vasectomy Analysis - production and delivery of a Post Vasectomy Semen Sample

In order to be able to cease using contraception after a vasectomy, you will usually be asked to provide semen samples for analysis. An initial sample should be provided approximately 16 weeks after your vasectomy operation. During this time, you should have had at least 24 ejaculations. Your clinician will provide you with more specific information at the time of your operation.

You must:

- Contact the Histopathology department on Tel: 01302 642860 to make an appointment for your semen analysis. Semen analysis is performed on a strict appointment only basis.
- Use the specimen pot provided by your clinician. Please do not clean it or wash it prior to use. Toxicity tested pots are also available for collection in person from Histopathology at Doncaster Royal Infirmary or Pathology reception at Bassetlaw Hospital.
- Label the container with the details of the male who 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 Histopathology Specimen Reception at Doncaster Royal Infirmary within two hours of 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 a sample without a request form.

Additional Information

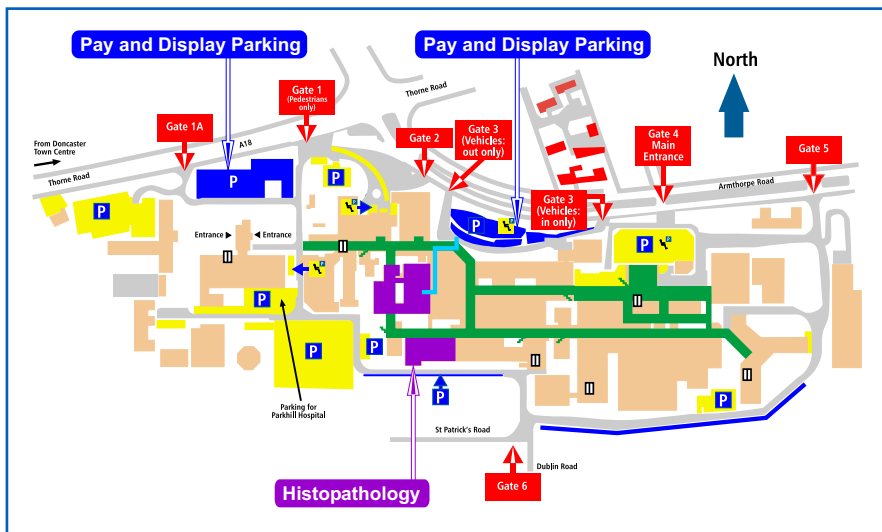
- Please note, there are no facilities on-site for the production of semen samples. Samples must be produced at home and delivered directly to Histopathology at DRI.
- It is advisable to keep the sample as close to body temperature as possible by placing the container close to the skin or in a pocket. Samples should not be subjected to extremes of temperature as this may affect the sample.
- 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 staff regarding the production of a semen sample for post vasectomy semen analysis please contact the histology department on Tel: 01302 642860.

Directions to Histopathology specimen reception, Doncaster Royal Infirmary

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:

Histopathology

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

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