

Production and delivery of a semen sample for Post-Vasectomy semen analysis.



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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 at 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:

- Obtain a completed and signed request form from your clinician.
- Obtain a patient pack from the Histopathology department by phoning 01302 642860; a pack will be posted out to your home and will contain a toxicity tested container, laboratory form and specimen bag
- On receipt of your patient pack contact the department on 01302 642860 to make an appointment for the semen analysis. Semen analysis is performed on an appointment only basis.
- Use the specimen container provided. Please do not clean it or wash it out prior to use.
- Label the container with the details of the male that has produced the sample.

A minimum of three patient identifiers are required:

- 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 pathways
 - 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 and will be rejected.
- 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 DRI within 2 hours of production. Samples delivered to other facilities will not meet the acceptance criteria and will not be accepted.

Additional information.

- Please note there are no facilities on site for the production of semen samples. Sample 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.
- Additional information about the sample is required for analysis; please ensure that the highlighted areas on the laboratory form are completed prior to your appointment. Samples will not be analysed without this information.
- Results will take up to 14 days to become available. Your clinician will advise you how and when to obtain your results.

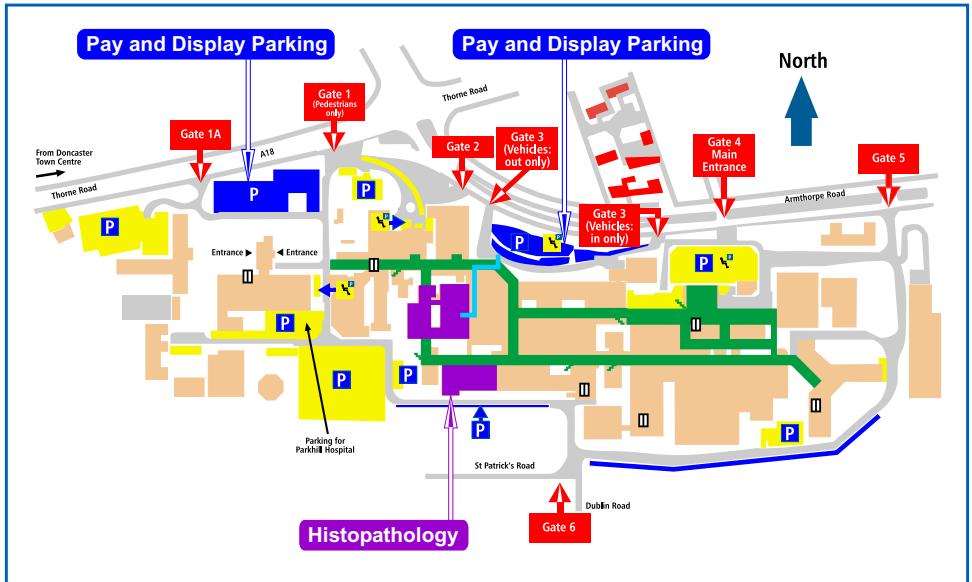
- Parking enforcement is operational across all hospital sites. Failure to adhere to Trust car parking terms and conditions will result in a Parking Charge Notification (PCN) issue.

If you have any queries with these requirements or wish to speak to someone regarding the production of a semen sample for post-vasectomy semen analysis 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 a flight of stairs onto the basement corridor. The Histopathology department 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

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