

## COLLECTION OF SEMEN (SPERM) SAMPLES FOR FERTILITY AND POST-VASECTOMY INVESTIGATIONS

**Please read the following instructions carefully:**

- Please arrive promptly for your appointment, but if you are running late for whatever reason, please telephone the Andrology Department (023 9228 6799), as late arrivals may have to be rejected and re-appointed
- You must use the private room in Pathology Reception (see below) to produce your sample. Upon arrival, a member of the Andrology team will meet you, show you into the private room and will give you some further instructions pertinent to your test
- **Vasectomy only:** Your first sample must be produced after no less than 12 weeks following the date of your vasectomy **and** only after you have had at least 20 ejaculations
- **You must refrain from intercourse or masturbation for at least 2 days (48 hours), but no longer than 7 days prior to the test. Failure to observe this abstinence period will mean the test cannot be performed and a new appointment will need to be arranged**
- Please wash your hands and penis, rinse well with clean water and dry thoroughly
- Please collect the sample by masturbating directly into the container. The whole of the ejaculate is required. Please do not use a lubricant or condom, as these contain chemicals that can kill sperm
- After you have produced your sample, please wash your hands again
- Please then telephone the Andrology team (023 9228 6799/6737), one of whom will return to the private room to check everything on the request form is correct, witness your signature and collect the sample prior to you leaving the department
- The results of your test will be sent to your GP or referring doctor. **Please do not contact the department for your results**

**For further information or advice, or to cancel your appointment, please telephone the Andrology Department (023 9228 6799) as soon as possible**

Please note a fee is payable for a vasectomy reversal test

**Directions to the Pathology Department, Queen Alexandra Hospital:** Please enter at the North Entrance and follow the directions to Lift Area 8. Take the stairs or lift to E Floor, where you will find signs for the link corridor to the Pathology Centre. Please then proceed across the link corridor, through two sets of double doors, following the signs to Pathology Reception and report your arrival to the reception staff

**How to comment on your treatment:** We aim to provide you with the best possible service and our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Patient satisfaction leaflets are also available in the private room should you wish to comment. However, if you have any concerns you can contact the Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 917 6039 who will be happy to talk to you.