

Semen Production for IUI (Intra Uterine Insemination)

Patient Information

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Important information prior to the day of your treatment

You should not have intercourse or any ejaculations for at least 48 hours prior to producing your sample for treatment. You should not abstain from intercourse or ejaculations for more than 7 days.

We would like you to produce your sample on-site at Fertility Fusion, we will book one of our male rooms for you. Please arrive promptly for your appointment.

Fertility Fusion, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan WN6 9EP

Please notify a member of staff if you can foresee a problem with collecting your sample either on-site or at home and we will do our best to address any issues you may have.

Prior to collection

On the day of your appointment, do not use antiseptic or alcohol gel hand-wash prior to producing your sample as these products are toxic to sperm.

Collection of the sample

First wash your hands and genitals with soap and water, rinse and then dry thoroughly. Collect the sample by masturbation directly into the container we have given you.

Collect the entire ejaculate.

Screw the lid back onto the pot, ensuring it is not cross threaded (which will cause it to leak). Please note that a leaked sample will severely jeopardise the preparation of your sample.

Place your sample into the sealable bag then into the dignity bag.

Producing your sample at Fertility Fusion

When you arrive at the centre for your appointment you will be given a special, labelled pot to collect your sample, you will also be given a sealable plastic bag and a dignity bag. You will be asked to verify that all the details on the pot and the IUI treatment records are correct.

You will be shown to one of the male rooms to produce your sample. You should follow the instructions for collection of the sample.

You will be told how to alert the Andrology staff that you are ready to hand over your sample when you have produced it. You will be asked what time you produced your sample, how long you have abstained, whether your entire sample went into the pot, and you will be asked to sign that it is your sample in the pot.

You will also be given a return time for your partner to be inseminated; this is usually around 2 hours after your sample has been received.

Bringing your sample from home

Collection of your sample at home is only arranged if special permission has been granted by the Consultant or Person Responsible. You will need to have picked up the IUI semen pot beforehand, this is the only pot you can use.

Follow the instructions above for collection of the sample in time for your appointment. You should transport it to the unit as soon as possible after you have produced it. To keep your sample warm you can put it in an inside pocket.

On reaching Fertility Fusion you will be taken to a quiet area by a member of the Andrology staff, you will be asked to verify and sign that all the details relating to your sample and IUI treatment records are correct. You will also be asked what time you produced your sample, how long you have abstained, whether your entire sample went into the pot, and you will be asked to sign that it is your sample in the pot.

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Contact information

For further information call 01257 256251 option 2 for an Andrology call back

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



How We Use Your Information

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