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INFORMATION FOR THE COLLECTION OF SEMINAL FLUID FOR INFERTILITY ANALYSIS

- Avoid intercourse for a min of 2 days, max 7 days please add this information to the request form.
- > Do NOT use a condom for specimen collection.
- The whole sample should be produced by masturbation directly into the container provided and kept warm at body temperature.
 - Please indicate if the whole sample has been collected.
- Ensure patient details are fully completed on both the Cytology request form and the container.
- > Please write the <u>time</u> of collection on the pot and form, and ensure that <u>you and your partner's names</u> are on the form.
- > The specimen should ideally be received in the laboratory within one hour of collection.

Please ensure that specimens are received in the laboratory between the hours of 8:30am and 3pm. (4pm. at the VERY latest) Monday to Friday.

NO SPECIMENS CAN BE DEALT WITH AT WEEKENDS

PLEASE NOTE: In exceptional circumstances a patient toilet within laboratory medicine can be made available (by prior arrangement only with the laboratory) for the production of samples on-site.

ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO PATHOLOGY RECEPTION on the Ground Floor, Department Lab. Medicine. It is very important that you do <u>not</u> leave the specimen with the porters at the front reception desk for this investigation. The sample must be taken <u>directly</u> to the pathology department.