

Semen Specimen Collection

Rapid examination of the specimen is a critical factor. The patient service centers will accept the specimen if arrangements are made for immediate transportation to a testing laboratory. Please call our patient service center and let them know what time to expect you.

The specimen should be collected in a clean glass jar, which is available at our patient service centers. The specimen should be collected following a three-day period without ejaculation (sexual intercourse or masturbation). Specimen may be collected by masturbation or coitus interruptus (withdrawal before ejaculation) and immediately placed into the container. A condom may be used if it contains no spermicide or any substance that would be harmful to sperm (check the label or ask the pharmacist). Place the condom directly into the glass container. Please tell the patient service center personnel the exact time of specimen collection.

It is essential that the specimen not be subjected to temperature extremes during delivery to the laboratory. Placing the specimen in a shirt pocket under a coat will maintain it close to body temperature. The specimen should be at the testing laboratory within one hour of collection or the results may be compromised. **Again, please schedule the time in advance.**

For *post-vasectomy* analysis, the specimen may be collected in a sterile plastic specimen container and sent by courier or brought to a service center by the patient.

Days of abstinence:	_____ days		
Post-vasectomy?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	
Method of collection:	<input type="checkbox"/> direct	<input type="checkbox"/> condom	<input type="checkbox"/> withdrawal
Specimen container:	<input type="checkbox"/> glass (preferred)	<input type="checkbox"/> plastic cup	<input type="checkbox"/> condom <input type="checkbox"/> baggie
	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		



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