

Semen Collection for Analysis

All semen analyses require a prior appointment to be made, including delivery of a pre-collected semen sample to the collection centre. Please see collection centres listed below.

Due to the time sensitive nature of semen analysis, samples must be received in the collection centre **within 40 minutes of collection**.

If the sample is not able to be delivered within 40 minutes of collection the sample will need to be collected in a room at one of the collection centres listed below **by appointment only**.

- If your doctor has requested an **Immunobead Test** (IBT, SA-IBT or sperm antibody test), samples can only be submitted to Hobart Pathology between the hours of 0800-1400 Mon-Fri as this test is performed by TasIVF and requires urgent delivery to their Hobart Laboratory. For other locations alternative arrangements should be made with TasIVF directly.
- If your doctor has requested **Sperm DNA fragmentation** (sperm integrity, SDF test, DFI) this service is **NOT available** via Hobart, Launceston or North West Pathology, please contact your preferred fertility provider to make alternative arrangements.

For ALL semen samples:

1. To obtain an optimal sperm count, abstain from ejaculation (intercourse and masturbation) for a minimum of 2 days to a maximum of 7 days prior to collection.
2. Label the sterile container with your full name and date of birth
3. Wash hands and penis with soap and rinse with water. Ensure all soap is removed.
4. DO NOT use a condom or lubricants as this can interfere with the semen analysis.
5. Collect COMPLETE ejaculate (by masturbation) into the container provided.
6. Label sample with date and time of collection.
7. Do NOT refrigerate the sample (please protect from the cold). **Keep sample as close to the body as possible to maintain warmth.**
8. Please complete the patient information section of this form and bring with you to the collection centre with the sample. The staff will ensure the information is complete.

We then will transport your specimen to the laboratory.

Your doctor may advise you of any additional instructions.

Pathology Locations- All specimens received are by APPOINTMENT ONLY

Location	Phone	Weekdays	Weekends & Public Holidays
Hobart	5a Gladstone Street, Salamanca 6223 1955	8am - 3pm	Testing not available
Launceston	71 Frederick St 6334 3636	9am - 3pm	Testing not available
North West	North West Medical Centre, 22 Brickport Rd, Burnie 6432 8862	9am - 3pm	Testing not available

Pricing: Up-front payment is required, Medicare rebate may apply (Please contact your local Pathology provider for information on current prices)

Results

Sperm numbers and motility results are available from the requesting doctor within 48 hours. Sperm morphology results are usually available within 7 days.

Collection Details (Patient to complete)

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Collection type:

Post Vasectomy Post Vasectomy reversal Fertility

Date of Collection: _____ Time of Collection: _____

Number of days abstinence prior to sample collection (2-7 days): _____

Was lubricant or a condom used during collection? Yes No Was the sample collected by masturbation? Yes No Was the entire sample collected? Yes No Has the specimen been kept warm (room temperature)? Yes No

Please note: If any of the collection requirements are NOT met you may be required to submit a further sample (with associated costs).

(Office use only)

Note: If responses in grey boxes are selected OR abstinence period is outside 2-7 days OR time of receipt is >40 minutes post collection please call the laboratory ASAP as a recollect may be required.

Time received at the Collection Centre (if dropped off): _____

Information checked for completeness and signed: _____
(by Pathology receptionist/collector)