

ROTUNDA HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY MEDICINE
WI-MICRO-0015 Information Regarding Semen Analysis Testing
Edition 09

- Semen Analysis for 'Infertility Testing' or 'Fresh Sample' is strictly by appointment only (Phone 8171739).
- Sample should be produced by masturbation (Do Not Use a Condom) into a sterile leak-proof container.
- Sample should be collected after a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 7 days sexual abstinence.
- If additional samples are required, the number of days of sexual abstinence should be as constant as possible at each visit.
- The sample needs to be complete and the man should report any loss of any fraction of the sample.
- Samples should be brought to the laboratory as soon as possible and within 1 hour of producing.
- The specimen container should be kept at ambient temperature, between 20°C and 37°C during transportation to the laboratory.
- Specimen container should be clearly labelled with the man's full name and date of birth and/or hospital number.
- Upon arrival at the laboratory the man should fill out RF-MICRO-0002 Request form before the sample is analysed.
- Results of the semen analysis will be returned to your referring doctor once complete. The lab does not give results to the patient.
- Post Vasectomy Samples should be brought to laboratory as soon as possible, or may be posted to the laboratory. Samples **MUST** be posted according to the correct Category B Biological substances (UN3373) regulations.
Ref.: <https://www.who.int/ihr/publications/WHO-WHE-CPI-2019.20/en/>
- A room is available on site (strictly by appointment) if required
- There is a €40 charge for infertility and €30 for post vasectomy on each specimen, with the exception of patients attending the hospital as outpatients.
- This payment must be sent with the sample, unless there is a payment arrangement in place between the requesting clinician and the Rotunda Hospital Department of Laboratory Medicine.