

Requesting Andrology Tests

ALL SITES – ELECTRONIC REQUESTING

Tests can be requested **electronically via Web ICE**. When the request is made, a message will pop up telling you to inform the patient that they will need to phone the laboratory on **01603 646524** to make an appointment for sample delivery. This information will be printed on the form with the relevant laboratory contact telephone number. **The request form with the contact details should be handed to the patient along with a copy of the Patient Information Leaflet**. Please **DO NOT** provide the patient with a sample container (universal tube) at this point, as a pre-weighed non-toxic, semen specimen container will be provided to the patient by the laboratory.

MANUAL REQUESTING

Tests can be requested manually if Web ICE is not accessible by filling out an EPA Blood Sciences paper request form. Please inform the patient that they will need to phone the laboratory to make an appointment for sample delivery, the telephone number they need to call to make an appointment is **01603 646524** which can also be found on the Patient Information Leaflet.

Requesting Codes:

Test Codes	
Basic Semen Analysis	BSA
Post Vasectomy Semen Analysis	PVSA
Vasectomy Reversal Semen Analysis	VRT

NEW POST VASECTOMY GUIDELINES 2016:

- If no sperm are seen in the first sample **a second analysis is NOT required**
- Subsequent analyses are required only if small numbers of non-motile sperm are present. The number of subsequent analyses will mainly depend upon the number of non-motile sperm seen in the sample and if the sample has been analysed within 60 minutes of sample production - please see the 2016 Post Vasectomy guidelines for further guidance.

REQUESTING REPEAT TESTS

It is recommended that repeat Basic Semen Analyses tests should take place no sooner than 3 months after the first analysis is carried out, to allow sufficient time for the

spermatogenesis process to take place and provide renewed cells to be assessed when confirming any previously abnormal results.

Please ensure the patient has an understanding of why they have been asked to repeat the test; repeat analyses are usually suggested if any results fall below the recommended references ranges set by the WHO 2010 guidelines, and are required in order to confirm any abnormal findings.