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Requesting Andrology Tests

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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 book an appointment online via drdoctor-nnuh.formstack.com/forms/andrologyservice. This website is provided on the Web ICE form. **The request form should be handed to the patient** along with a copy of the Patient Information Leaflet. The patient will need to bring the request form with them to their appointment.

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 book an appointment online via drdoctor-nnuh.formstack.com/forms/andrologyservice. **The request form should be handed to the patient** along with a copy of the Patient Information Leaflet. The patient will need to bring the request form with them to their appointment.

SPIRE NORWICH: Please ensure the manual request form contains the NWH (SPIRE) Hospital number. If this is not included on the manual request form, we will not be able to process the request and this may lead to delays.

***POST VASECTOMY REQUESTS (ELECTRONIC & MANUAL):** Please provide the patient with the additional leaflet **at the time of their vasectomy**:

Post-Vasectomy Semen Analysis – Post Procedure Information

The website link and QR code is available on the Appointment Booking section of this EPA website and the NNUH and QEHKL websites.

APPOINTMENT BOOKING

Fertility requests (BSA) We aim to provide patients with a waiting time of no more than 6 weeks, from the time they book their appointment to analysis, in accordance to the Guidance stated by NICE for a diagnostic test.

Post Vasectomy Requests (PVSA) There is a 20 week for a PVSA appointment, therefore **patients need to book their appointment soon after their vasectomy procedure** to avoid

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delays. Please ensure patients are advised to book their appointment into the correct calendar link on DrDr for the test requested. There are two calendar links; one for fertility requests and one for Post Vasectomy semen analysis requests. If a patient books their appointment into the incorrect calendar, their appointment will be cancelled.

We recommend patients produce their sample onsite to ensure their sample is tested within the recommended time frame in accordance with the WHO. If the patient is unable to book their appointment online or if they are unable to produce their sample onsite they will need to contact the laboratory on 01603 646524 to make an appointment for sample delivery.

Please **DO NOT** provide the patient with any sample container/s (universal tube) at this point, as a pre-weighed non-toxic, semen specimen container will be provided to the patient by the laboratory.

NOTE: WEBICE Patient ID Stickers found on the ICE form are for internal laboratory use only.

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** (when all sample requirements are met)
- 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.

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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.

Please ensure that a new request has been made in Web ICE or a new manual request form has been completed and a copy has been provided to the patient for all repeat tests. The patient will need to bring the request form with them to their appointment.

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