



Dear Patient,

We are pleased you have chosen Beebe Healthcare Laboratory for your testing needs and we look forward to serving you. This brochure has information that will be helpful to obtain the most accurate results for this test. If you have further questions, or concerns. Please do not hesitate to call us at (302) 645-3241.



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for Patients



Clinical Laboratory and Pathology Services

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## Prior To Collection:

- **Please read all instructions carefully before collecting your specimen.** If you have any questions about collecting your specimen, please call the Microbiology Laboratory at Beebe Healthcare at (302)-645-3563.
- Semen Analysis is performed Monday through Friday. Specimens may be dropped off anytime between 6:30 – 10:00 am. **Please call (302)-645-FAST (3278) to schedule an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.**
- Please obtain a sterile collection container from your doctor's office or from one of Beebe Healthcare's outpatient service centers (Milton, Georgetown, Millsboro, Long Neck, Millville, Beebe Health Campus Rt. 24 Rehoboth, or the Main Hospital Outpatient Laboratory in Lewes).
- Your doctor's order must specify if testing is for fertility analysis or post-vasectomy analysis.
- On the morning of your scheduled appointment, you may collect the specimen at home or at the Main Hospital Campus Outpatient Laboratory in Lewes. The specimen must be brought directly to the Outpatient Laboratory at the Main Hospital Campus in Lewes as soon as possible after collection.

## Patient Collection Instructions:

- **Abstain from sexual activity (ejaculation) for three full days before collecting the specimen.**
- On the morning of your appointment, collect the semen specimen directly into the specimen container either by masturbation or by intercourse and withdrawal. Do NOT use a condom to collect the specimen. Do NOT use lubricants or lotions.
- Collect the ENTIRE ejaculate into the specimen container. If any part of the specimen is lost or spilled, the specimen should be discarded and recollected 3 days later.
- Record your **name, date of birth, date and time of collection** on the specimen container.
- Please answer the questions below that relate to your collection. Bring this order with you when you drop off the specimen and give to the laboratory staff.
- After collection, the specimen container should be kept as close to body temperature as possible. Put the container under your shirt next to your body until you get to the hospital.
- Go directly to the Outpatient Laboratory on the first floor of the hospital near the Emergency Room. Inform the staff at the registration desk that you have a time sensitive specimen that must go to the laboratory immediately. Someone will take your specimen and assist you with registration.

**Please answer the following questions that relate to your specimen collection. Give them to the person who takes your specimen:**

How did you collect the specimen (please circle one)?

By Masturbation

By Intercourse & Withdraw

What date and time did you collect the specimen?

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How many days did you abstain from ejaculation prior to collecting the specimen?

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Please note any problems with collection (incomplete ejaculation, specimen spilled, etc)?

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Was the specimen kept warm during transport to the hospital?

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