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**PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEMEN COLLECTION
BRING SAMPLE DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN LAB – NORTH TOWER ENTRANCE**

IMPORTANT: Please read and follow all instructions prior to collection attempt. When bringing the sample to the laboratory, be sure that you sign and bring this AND the physician order. All of the questions at the bottom of this form MUST be answered.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: The laboratory accepts semen samples Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am only. Samples brought in at any other times may be rejected. On the day you bring in your sample come directly to the main laboratory—the most convenient access is to use the side entrance of the hospital that is located between the administration building and the main hospital. Follow all of the instructions below or the sample may be rejected.

1. Semen should be collected following at least a 48 hour abstinence period, but not more than 7 days.
2. Specimens should be obtained by masturbation without lubricants.
3. The total ejaculate should be collected into either a clean wide mouth plastic container or a plastic urine sample collection cup. We recommend using a plastic urine sample collection cup with a screw top. Our laboratory can provide this container to you. **DO NOT SUBMIT THE SAMPLE IN A CONDOM.** Specimens submitted in an unacceptable container will be rejected.
4. The sample **MUST** have the Patient's name and Date of Birth written **ON** the container. **DO NOT PLACE THIS INFORMATION ON THE LID**—it must be on the actual container.
5. If any ejaculate is lost, meaning that the complete ejaculate is not secured in the container, the specimen is unacceptable for analysis.
6. The specimen should be kept near body temperature and **MUST BE** delivered to the laboratory within one hour after collection. We suggest the sample be kept near the body to at least maintain the body heat temperature.
7. Due the effect time can have on the sample, we ask that the submitter bring the sample directly to the main lab (enter the hospital from the Endoscopy procedures entrance); then return to the Endoscopy procedures registration desk to secure a record number for the visit. After the record is complete return to the main lab to leave the paperwork for the lab staff. Failure to return the paperwork will result in the lab's inability to finalize the report.

Collection Information:

1. Date and Time of Collection: _____
2. Time of Arrival into Lab: _____
3. Type of specimen container used: _____
4. Collection method: Masturbation without lubricants: yes or no
5. Days of abstinence: _____
6. If physician office file is in spouse's name, please enter here:

I have adhered to all of the instructions above. I understand that strict adherence to all of the stated protocols is imperative to accurate test results.

Collector's signature: _____ Date: _____