

## **Emergency Semen Collection & Freeze for oncology patients**

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Chemotherapy and radiotherapy may affect sperm production. The effect may be temporary but can also be permanent. Your Oncologist is in the best position to determine whether the type and dose of treatment is likely to influence your subsequent fertility.

In Western Australia, semen can be stored for up to 15 years. It is necessary for consent forms to be completed prior to freezing taking place and renewed every 5 years. Patients will be contacted annually to confirm ongoing storage arrangements and for invoicing for storage. It is imperative for Patients to inform the Clinic of any changes to contact details.

Patients will see a fertility specialist if feasible prior to sperm freezing. In emergency circumstances, the patient may see the fertility specialist after the semen collection process.

### **Monday – Friday (8.00am – 5.00pm)**

1. Referring Doctor to contact Fertility Specialists of Western Australia (08 9284 2333)
2. An appointment will be made for the Patient to be assessed by a Fertility Specialist.
3. The Patient will be required to review Semen Freezing information document and sign a consent form.
4. Patient to make appointment(s) with Laboratory to produce semen sample. Samples can be produced at the Clinic or at home and transported to the Laboratory. Details of this process will be given by Laboratory staff. It is desirable to freeze more than one sample over a 2-3 day period but may not be possible due to the need to start treatment.
5. The Patient will be invoiced for the semen analysis and freezing which includes the first 12 months storage.
6. In Western Australia, Patients can store sperm for up to 15 years. They are required to renew their consent to continue storage every 5 years.

### **After Hours Emergency / Weekends & Public Holidays**

1. Referring Doctor to contact the Fertility Specialists of Western Australia (08) 9284 2333 and follow Emergency contact instructions to speak to a Fertility Nurse.
2. The Nurse will record Doctor and Patient details and organise a Fertility Specialist to make contact with the Referring Doctor and Patient to initiate the semen freezing process. Please note, it will be necessary for the Patient to attend the Clinic within the next week to be formally assessed by a Fertility Specialist.

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3. Laboratory staff will contact Patient to organise the signing of the consent form and the production of a semen sample. In after-hours/emergency situations, Patients are encouraged to produce samples at home and transport them to the Laboratory. Details of this process will be given by Laboratory staff. It is desirable to freeze more than one sample over a 2-3 day period but may not be possible due to the need to start treatment.
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**Emergency contact number (all hours) – 08 9284 2333**

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