



Saint Mary's Managed Clinical Service
Division of Gynaecology

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

POST VASECTOMY SEMEN ANALYSIS (PVSA)

This leaflet has been written to inform you of the procedure for a post vasectomy semen analysis (PVSA). You must follow post-operative instructions given to you by your clinician prior to this test.

WHAT IS A PVSA?

A PVSA is a laboratory test where ejaculate (semen) is examined for the presence of sperm following your vasectomy surgery. The test is performed 12 weeks post-surgery and after you have ejaculated a minimum of 20 times.

PREPARING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

Most clinicians will arrange your appointment for you. If you do not receive an appointment within 12 weeks from your operation date, please Email andrology on mft.andrology.lab@nhs.net, or call us on **0161 276 6473**. We cannot accept patient samples if an appointment has not been made.

Once you have an appointment date/time confirmed, you should attend the andrology department at that time. You can produce your sample at home and bring it into the andrology department. If you choose this option, you must ensure you keep your sample as close to body temperature as possible during transportation. The sample should be transported immediately after production as any big changes in temperature may affect the validity of the test.

Your sample will need to be examined in the laboratory within 3 hours of production (if it is your first test). Your sample may be rejected if we do not receive it in this timeframe. Your sample may also be rejected if produced into container that has not been tested by us, if the sample is incomplete, or if the sample is not properly labelled. If non-motile sperm are detected during the first test, further samples must be brought to Andrology within 50 minutes of production so that we can assess sperm motility. The department can offer you a room on-site to produce your sample in, to support this.

Please note that no materials to assist with sample production are provided by the department, and that hospital Wi-Fi will not support certain websites; therefore, we would advise downloading/bringing your own material for use on the day if required as access may not be possible.

USING A PUBLIC TOILET TO PASS YOUR SAMPLE IS AGAINST THE LAW.

It is not appropriate to bring children to the appointment, if you do bring a child to the appointment, your appointment will be cancelled and rescheduled

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING YOUR SEMEN SAMPLE

Please follow these instructions carefully as anything outside of this guide may impact your results.

- You should stop masturbating/having sexual intercourse for between 48 hours and 7 days before the appointment.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, drying fully afterwards.
- You should only produce the sample by masturbation into a container that we have provided.
- **Do not use lubrication or a condom to produce your sample as this can kill sperm.**
 - **If you need lubrication, please ask a member of the team to provide you with some that will not kill sperm.**
- The complete ejaculate must be collected into the container otherwise the sample will be discarded, and another appointment will need to be arranged for you.
- Label the sample container with your first name, last name, date of birth and date/time the sample was produced.
- Ensure that the lid is screwed on to the container properly.
- Place the container into the bag provided.
- Complete the sample request card provided.

Please **do not** post the sample - we will reject this, and you will have to be given a new appointment.

There will be a request form in your pack, this is needed by the andrology team to accept and interpret your results. If you are producing on-site, we will give you this form on the day. Please complete as much of this card as possible, including your information and the clinician that has requested this test for you.

RESULTS OF TEST

Results will be sent to the clinician that referred you within **7 – 10** working days. We do not routinely give results to patients, although we can support your clinician with clinical advice if required.

PRIVACY POLICY

Details of our privacy policy can be found on our website:

<https://mft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/services/gynaecology/reproductive-medicine/andrology/>

VIOLENCE AND AGGRESION

We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all patients, visitors, and staff. Violence, aggression, or abusive behaviour in any form—whether verbal, physical, or written—is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Our staff are here to help and deserve to work without fear of harm or intimidation. Anyone displaying aggressive or violent behaviour may be asked to leave and could face further action, including involvement from security or the police. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and respectful healthcare environment.

COMPLIMENTS & COMPLAINTS

If you have any compliments or complaints, please contact our department or Trust patient advice and liaison service (PALS). PALS information can be found here: <https://mft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/pals/>

TRANSLATION & INTERPRETATION SERVICES

It is our policy that family, relatives or friends cannot interpret for patients. Should you require an interpreter ask a member of staff in advance of your appointment.

CONTACT DETAILS

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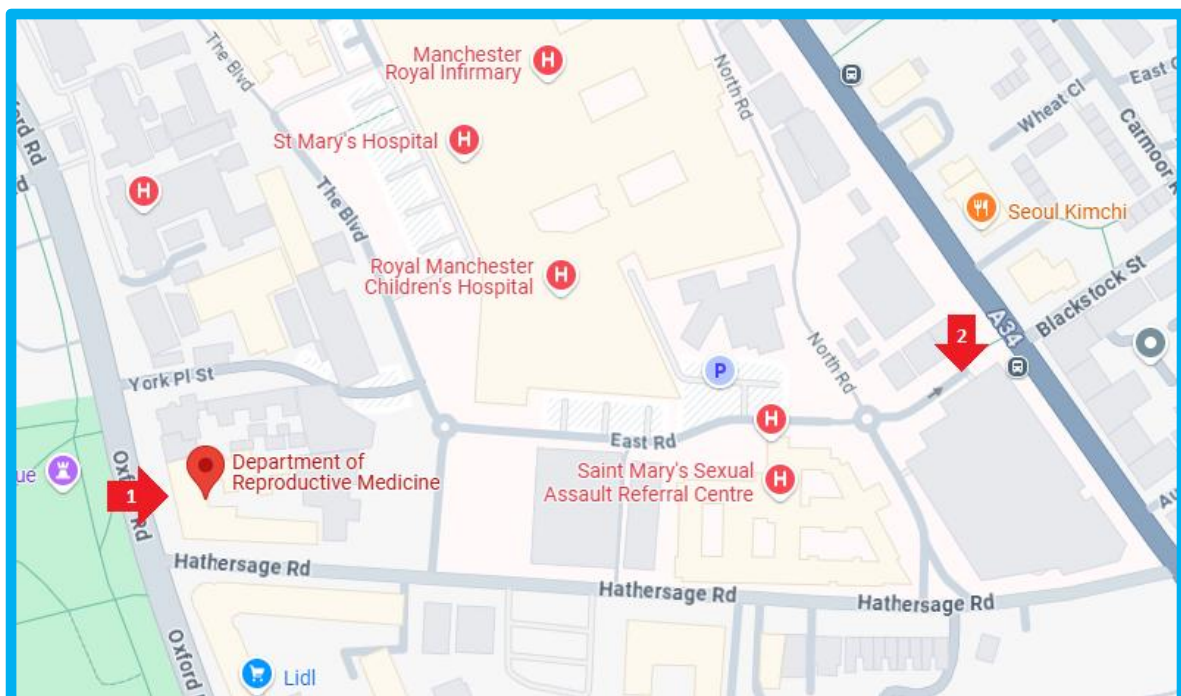
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HOW TO FIND US

The andrology department is in Old Saint Mary's Hospital (not the new building), within the Department of Reproductive Medicine on the first floor.

Address of the department is given below:

Andrology Laboratories
Old Saint Mary's Hospital
Oxford Road
Manchester
M13 9WL



Arrow 1 shows the entrance to the department.

Arrow 2 shows the entrance to the nearby Hathersage Road multi-storey car park (space cannot be guaranteed).

Opening hours for enquiries:

Monday to Friday – 08.00 am to 04.00 pm.

We are not open on Saturdays, Sundays, or bank holidays.

More information on how to get here and other details such as car parking can be found on the website – <https://mft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/>

Please come to the main entrance and press the intercom (if the door is locked). If the door is open, proceed to the first floor and press the bell outside Andrology reception.

For disabled access, please telephone the department in advance (0161 276 6473). We have a separate entrance just off Oxford Road. Please press the intercom on arrival.