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## Complete Semen Analysis Collection Instructions for Patients

## **Patient Preparation:**

- Refrain from sexual activity at least 2 days but not more than 7 days before collecting a semen specimen
   Three days of sexual abstinence is optimal for fertility exam
- Label the container with your first and last name, date of birth, and the date and time of collection

## Sample Collection:

- Collect a complete semen specimen by masturbation into a clean, sterile container obtained from your physician or laboratory
  - o Lubricants may not be used as they will interfere with the test
  - o Condoms are not acceptable
- Keep the specimen at room temperature or body temperature by storing it in an inside pocket or under a coat, and deliver it to the laboratory within 1 hour of collection
  - Avoid exposing the specimen to extremes of hot or cold temperatures because temperature affects the accuracy of sperm motility testing, which is a very important part of the fertility exam

Note: If you prefer to collect the specimen after arrival in the lab, a restroom is available

Deliver the specimen with your doctor's order, and the form below to the laboratory at any of the following locations during their posted hours:

Providence St. Vincent 9205 SW Barnes Road Portland, OR 97225 Portland, OR 97225 7:00AM - 6:00PM Providence Portland 4805 NE Glisan Street Portland, OR 97213 Milwaukie, OR 97222 7:00AM - 5:00PM M-F

## COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW—SEND IT TO THE LAB WITH YOUR SPECIMEN

| NAME (Last name, First Name)  |                       | DOB        |
|---|-----------------------|------------|
| Date & Time Collected   | Days of Abstinen      | cedays     |
| Was Sample Protected Against Extreme Temps During Transport to Lab? |                       | YESNO      |
| Was the Sample Complete (All Ejaculate Captured In Container)?      |                       | YESNO      |
| Was the Sample Collected By Manual Masturbation?                    |                       | YESNO      |
| If the answer is "No", please indicate method                       | of collection         |            |
| Specimen Collection Location?                                       |                       | HOMELAB    |
| TO BE   | COMPLETED BY LAB STA  | FF         |
| Date & Time Specimen Received                                       | Specimen at 20°C to 3 | 37°C?YESNO |
| Proper Container Used (i.e. sterile specimen cup)?                  |                       | YESNO      |