



Patient instructions Semen Analysis

An evaluation of male fertility potential requires examination of one or more semen specimens. This is performed at Charity Hospital on the 11th floor in the Special Hematology Lab, room W1110 (11th floor west side), Monday- Friday only. 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

Do not ejaculate or have intercourse for three days before your semen analysis evaluation.

The semen specimen should be collected by masturbation directly into the container. If your doctor has not provided you with a container, a clean glass jar may be used. The first few drops of the specimen are particularly important and you should make sure to collect the entire specimen. Inform the lab if some of the specimen was lost. Record the time of semen collection and the number of days since your last emission (ejaculation).

Collect the specimen at home just before leaving, provided that you can reach the laboratory within one hour of collection. If you cannot reach the lab within one hour, you can collect the specimen in the men's room at the hospital. If you anticipate a problem, you can call the lab at 903-2989. The specimen should be kept warm after it is collected. This can be done easily by carrying the container in the inside pocket of your shirt or pants. Do not refrigerate .

In addition to the specimen, you must bring the man's driver's license, proof of income and you may be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$10.00.