

### How much does it cost?

We understand that now you are facing cancer treatment that further medical expenses are a real concern.

We offer the following services for **free** -

- ◆ Registration with the clinic should future fertility treatment be required
- ◆ Semen analysis and written report of findings for your records

**This would normally cost around \$600 but we do not charge you for this.**

We do ask you to pay an initial fee to cover the cost for freezing your sample and producing a report for you and your doctor. Please call the clinic for this cost.

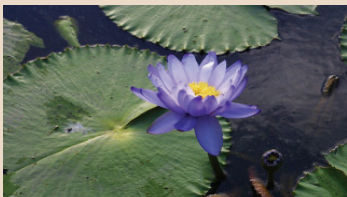
**Provided you maintain annual contact with the clinic we will waive our \$350 annual semen storage fee.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Fees apply for fertility treatments if the sperm is used, or if the samples are transferred to another laboratory/fertility clinic at your request.**

### What do I need to do next?

Contact Fertility Solutions to arrange an appointment with one of our scientists. They will answer your questions, give you everything that you need and arrange a time to assess your sample.

**We also have a psychologist available to discuss any concerns with you further if needed.**



### HOW TO ARRANGE FOR THIS TEST

Your local GP or your Fertility Specialist can arrange for you to have this test at Fertility Solutions. Phone the clinic in advance to book an appointment on **07 5441 7311**.

If you provide us with contact details and give us your permission we will send a copy of the results to your local GP.

If you do not have a collection kit we can arrange for one to be sent to you.

There will be a cost for initial freezing of the semen. You will be informed of this on the day you phone to book your appointment. Please let reception know if you would like to use our on site, private collection room.

### We strive to:

- ◆ **Make you feel welcome at all times**
- ◆ **Listen to your questions and concerns**
- ◆ **Work with you to fulfill your desire to create your family**

Please contact us for more information on 07 5441 7311 or you can email us at [enquiries@fssc.com.au](mailto:enquiries@fssc.com.au)



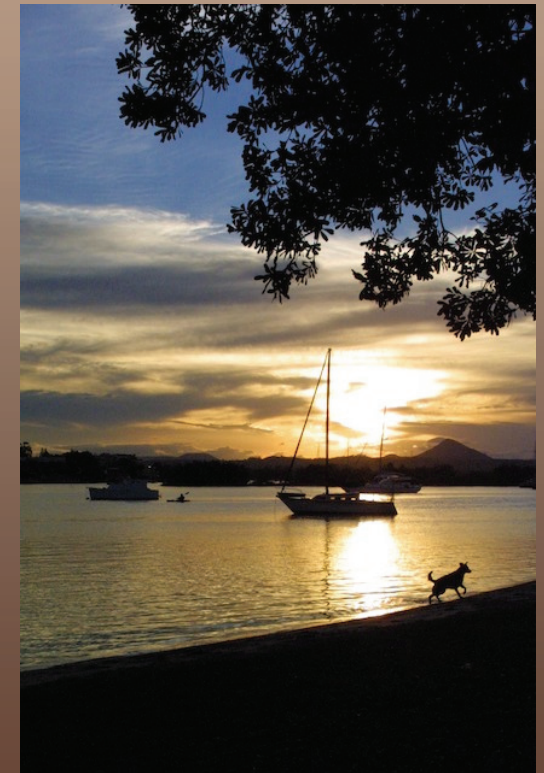
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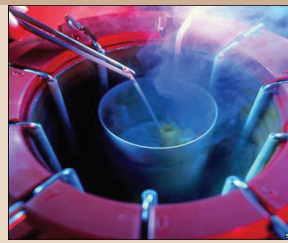
## Pre-Treatment Semen Freezing

### Before you have your treatment.

Treatment of certain types of cancer in men can have permanent effects on a man's ability to have a child in the future. Some forms of surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy can affect the body's ability to produce sperm in the future. The effects that treatment might have vary according to the type of cancer, the type of treatment and how an individual reacts to treatment. Your cancer treatment specialist can give you a information as to how this might affect you.

### Reproductive Insurance.

Rather than giving up the option of being a father, there is alternative available. Men can freeze one or more samples of semen in a short time frame before having their treatment performed. These samples can then be stored as a form of "reproductive insurance" so that when your life circumstances change and a child is wanted, you might have this chance.



### The practical details.

Semen samples are produced by masturbation either at your own home or at the Clinic's collection room and brought to the laboratory. A scientist will examine the quality of the sample, prepare the sample ready for storage, and then freeze it in liquid nitrogen.

A written report about the quality of the sample will be sent to you (and to your doctor if you wish). If the sample is of poor quality we might recommend that you do not proceed with storage.

### How long can it be stored for?

Essentially forever, if you want to. We would take your samples out of storage for the following reasons -

- ◆ To use the samples if you want another child,
- ◆ If you indicate to us that you no longer wish to keep them in storage,
- ◆ In the event of your death.

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### What if I do decide to have a child?

The chance of achieving a pregnancy with your frozen sample depends on the quality of the sample and the fertility of your partner. Fertility rates with frozen samples are lower than with fresh semen, so we require that your partner be assessed by a fertility specialist.

The fertility specialist will then recommend one of the following options -

- ◆ Placing the sample in the woman's uterus (womb) during the fertile time in her natural cycle (known as **intra-uterine insemination/IUI**),
- ◆ Using fertility stimulating medicines to increase the chance of success with **intrauterine insemination**,
- ◆ **IVF** (in-vitro fertilization) where the semen sample is mixed with eggs obtained from the woman with a surgical procedure, or
- ◆ **ICSI** (intracytoplasmic sperm injection) where individual sperm are injected directly into eggs obtained from the woman with a surgical procedure.

