

How much does it cost?

The following fees will apply to the assessment and storage of your sample -

Freezing and Storage fee for the initial sample. If a subsequent sample is frozen this will be at a discounted rate. There will also be a fee for the first year and subsequent years of storage.

Additional fees apply for fertility treatments if the sperm is used, or if the samples are to be transferred to a different laboratory at your request.

What do I need to do next?

Contact Fertility Solutions to arrange an appointment with one of our fertility nurses. They will answer your questions, give you everything that you need and arrange a time with our laboratory staff to assess your sample. We also have a psychologist available to discuss any concerns with you further if needed.

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.



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



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**Considering a
Vasectomy?
You may want to read on...**



***Sharing Your
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Pre-Vasectomy Semen Freezing

Before you have your vasectomy.

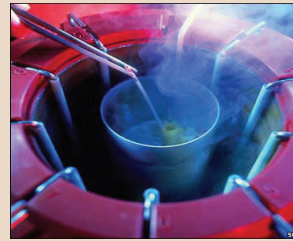
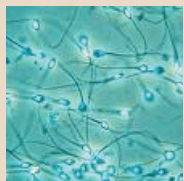
Vasectomy is a very effective way of preventing pregnancy. It is designed to be permanent.

Research has shown that as many as 1 in 10 men later come to regret their decision and wish to have their vasectomy reversed.

The success rates with vasectomy reversal depend on the skill of the surgeon and the time since the procedure was first performed. Other options include surgery to extract sperm directly from the testicle to be used for IVF.

Reproductive Insurance.

There is another alternative however. Men can freeze one or more samples of semen in a short time frame before having their vasectomy performed. These samples can then be stored as a form of "reproductive insurance" in case life's circumstances change and another child is wanted.



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 the following day (and to your GP 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,
- ◆ If you stop making payment of your fees,
- ◆ In the event of your death.

What if I do decide to have another 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.

