## Semen Collection Patient Information

Your Doctor has asked you to collect a semen specimen for pathology testing.

## Note for Vasectomy Patients:

Post vasectomy specimens can ONLY be collected 3 months post-surgery, and after at least 20 ejaculations. Collect the specimen between 2-7 days after your last ejaculation.



- 1. Collect the specimen by masturbating into the yellow top container. **Do** not use condoms, artificial lubricants, or talc powder.
- 2. Close the lid on the container tightly.
- 3. Write your full name, date of birth, and the date and time of collection on the container.
- 4. The container with the specimen must be kept at a temperature between 20°C 37°C. On a cold day, you can put the specimen in your pocket to keep it warm. **Do not refrigerate.**
- 5. Fill out the questionnaire on the back of these instructions.
- 6. Deliver your specimen container, request form, and completed questionnaire to a dedicated Austin Pathology Laboratory, within 30 minutes after the collection.

## **Specimen Drop-Off Location**

Semen testing is time critical. Therefore, specimens MUST be dropped off at the **Austin Pathology Laboratory**, **Level 2 Bendigo Health**. Press the button at the window to notify staff so the sample can be received. **Do not** drop the specimen off at a collection centre.

Specimen drop-offs will ONLY be accepted Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm.

Bendigo Health Address: 100 Barnard St, Bendigo, VIC, 3550

www.austinpathology.org.au | 03 9496 5472 Turn over for patient questionnaire -



For Collection Centre Locations please visit our website:

www.austinpathology.org.au/collection-centres



## **Patient Questionnaire**

Please complete the questionnaire below and return it with your specimen.

Full Name:
Date of Birth:/
Sample purpose: Fertility Investigation Post Vasectomy Analysis
Date of vasectomy (if applicable):/  (Post vasectomy sample testing cannot be performed until three months after surgery)
Date of collection:am/pr
Number of days of abstinence:
Method of collection: Masturbation Other
If other, what method was used?
Was any part of the ejaculation lost during collection? Yes No
If Yes, what part? First Middle End
Were lubricants or condoms used as part of this collection? Yes No
Where has the sample been stored since collection?