

Memorandum

To: To All Service Users
From: Department of Andrology, Peterborough City Hospital
Date: 28th September 2015
Re: Changes to Fertility Clinic Appointments

Improved Testing for Male Fertility: Changes to Fertility Clinic Appointments

The Department of Andrology has been working towards improved testing processes for the investigation of male fertility. These improvements will bring us in line with the WHO 5th edition guidelines for the measurement of sperm concentration, motility and morphology assessment.

What is changing?

- For an interim period, from Wednesday 30th September until Friday 30th October, patient appointments will be available Wednesday to Friday at 08:30, 09:30 and 10:30.
- Following this, from Monday 2nd November, patient appointments will be available Monday to Friday at 08:30, 09:30 and 10:30.

A revised male fertility patient information sheet will be available via the link on Sunquest ICE requests and on our website (<http://www.pch-pathlab.com/cms/?q=node/309>) from Monday 2nd November to coincide with the availability of clinic appointments five days per week.

The patient information sheet will contain revised acceptance criteria for semen samples so please take care to read the information provided. In order for samples to be valid for testing they MUST:

- Be received by the laboratory no later than **45 minutes** after it has been produced. Samples received after this time will not be processed as the results generated would be inaccurate. Samples that are received at the booked time but are older than 1 hour will NOT be tested.
- Be received in laboratory validated semen sample pots. These must be sourced from Pathology, see <http://shop.pch-pathlab.com/> for further information and online ordering. Alternative pots may be spermicidal therefore samples received in any other pots will NOT be tested.

If you have any queries relating to this please contact the Andrology Department on 01733 678454 or email peh-tr.ChemImm@nhs.net

Kindest regards, Sarah Beck (Principal Clinical Scientist) and Alison Nolan (Lead Andrologist).