



Andrology Update

The Hull Andrology Unit

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Are you wondering how to refer your patients for IVF treatment?

The Hull IVF Unit treats both *funded* and *private* patients. The referral process differs, with a simple guide below. If you or your patients would like more information please visit our website:

www.hullivf.org.uk/your-journey/referral-process

Funded

Patients are referred to the NHS Subfertility Clinic at Hull Royal Infirmary. In order for the patients to be seen, the GP must attach appropriate results to the referral, including a semen evaluation & female investigations. Patients are reviewed & further investigated followed by a plan for treatment at the Hull IVF Unit.

Private

GPs can send a referral for treatment directly to the Hull IVF Unit. On receipt of this, the Unit will send an appointment pack directly to the patient.

User feedback

A GP survey circulated from January to March has shown that 80% of users find the Andrology Unit service excellent and 80% find the clinical information provided useful. Despite achieving a good result, one area that we will aim to improve upon is to provide more information on the referral of specimens for further examinations.

Pesticide residue & semen results

A study published in March 2015 investigated the semen quality of 155 men and has shown a relationship between eating fruit and vegetables containing pesticide residues and the quality of the semen sample. Men who ate the highest amount of fruit & veg containing high levels of pesticide residue had a 49% lower sperm count and 32% lower normal forms.

These findings suggest that high levels of pesticide in the diet may affect spermatogenesis.



Please remember – we require 3 patient identifiers to ensure accuracy when reporting e.g. Name, DOB, NHS number