



The Hull Andrology Unit

Information Booklet

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The Hull Andrology Unit

Welcome

East Riding Fertility Services Limited (Company Reg. No. 2951094) (**ERFS**) trading as “The Hull IVF Unit” has an associated specialist andrology laboratory, “The Hull Andrology Unit”. Here, we offer preliminary investigations for male subfertility problems such as diagnostic semen evaluation. Upon request we carry out more specialised infertility tests including tests for anti-sperm antibodies and vitality. We also carry out post vasectomy semen analysis to confirm the success of vasectomy procedures.

This service took over from the Hull & East Yorkshire NHS Trust pathology service in January 2009. It will offer continuity of care for those patients who may go on to have fertility treatment in the future. Benefits include the reassurance offered by the ERFS’s registration with the:

- HFEA (Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority)
- ISO15189 accreditation (International Organisation for Standardisation)
Ref: 8690
- ISO15189 (International Organisation for Standardisation) A UKAS accredited testing laboratory No. 8690. Listed for the scope of testing displayed
https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00007/8690%20Medical%20Single.pdf .
- ISO9001 accreditation (International Organisation for Standardisation)
- NEQAS (National external quality assurance scheme)

We offer a high standard of care and work in compliance with guidelines set out by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), the British Andrology Society (BAS), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the British Fertility Society (BFS). We also take part in regular internal and external quality control schemes to ensure a standardised, high quality service is provided.

Meet the team

Our Andrology team consists of Embryologists and an Andrologist who are fully trained in semen analysis and participants of the NEQAS quality assurance scheme. They are qualified to provide clinical interpretation of results and advice. Interpretive comments will be offered on reports however if you wish to discuss individual cases further please contact the Hull IVF unit.

The Hull Andrology Unit is closely linked to the Hull IVF Unit.

Our friendly and experienced IVF team consists of specialist doctors, nurses, embryologists and administration staff.

Medical Director and Person responsible to the HFEA:

Mr Steve D Maguiness MD FRCOG

Laboratory Director:

Dr Christine Leary BSc, PhD, FRCPath

Quality Manager:

Dr Christine Leary BSc, PhD, FRCPath

Andrology Lead:

Laura Mason BSc, MMedSci, RCPATH(dip)

All members of staff can be reached through the Hull IVF Unit on 01482 382648.

Our Aim

We aim to deliver safe, skilled care in a professional, caring manner, involving our patients in all aspects of treatment and decision making.

Statement of purpose

We aim to provide financially viable private facilities and services for the investigation and treatment of couples having difficulty conceiving.

This provision will be of the standard and quality, which is perceived by its patients to match their expectations for excellence of service, which is seen to offer good value for money and which meets the full criteria laid down by its registered bodies, ISO15189 and the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.



*Mr Stephen Maguiness
Medical Director*

Quality Policy

It is the policy of the company to maintain a quality system designed to meet the requirements of EN ISO 9001 in pursuit of its primary objectives.

The Hull IVF Unit is East Yorkshire's only specialist fertility unit, and it has provided a clinical service to the people of the region since 1986. It is the intention of the management and staff of the centre to continue to provide a service of the highest quality, to meet the needs and requirements of users. Uppermost standards of ethical, professional, business, clinical and scientific practice (ISO15189) are employed and all work is carried out to meet the regulatory/accredited standards (including; HFEA and ISO15189).

The quality of service offered has a direct influence on the Hull IVF Unit's ability to meet patients' expectations. The Hull IVF Unit endeavours to work with patients to define expectations and meet or exceed them through offering services which are effective, efficient and safe and equitably available. All procedures are fully validated against best practice guidelines and based on established research.

Organisational excellence is maintained at the Hull IVF Unit by implementing quality management principles. Quality control, assurance and improvement are integrated in our quality management system (QMS). The Quality Manual of EFRS defines our quality objectives and key procedures.

The QMS will include the following elements;

- The Hull IVF Unit is dedicated to continuous process and service development for patients and employees. To achieve this objective the Hull IVF Unit will undertake internal and external audits to continually assess and review results. The quality of the service is ensured through the participation in benchmarking and national equivalence programmes.
- Standard operating procedures detailing fully documented guidance on all processes and procedures will be issued and amended by authorised personnel and uniformly followed by all staff.
- The Hull IVF Unit is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all staff, patients and visitors and conducts regular risk assessments and training to ensure compliance with the latest health and safety and environmental legislation.
- Systematic process improvement and training will be conducted. Patient and employee satisfaction programmes will be developed and reviewed.
- Patient service is an essential part of the quality process and to ensure this is fulfilled, all employees receive training to ensure awareness and understanding of quality and its impact on patient service.
- Complete traceability of all consultations, treatments and laboratory processes will be ensured.
- A fully documented complaints procedure and risk management system will be followed.

This policy will be implemented and maintained throughout the Hull IVF Unit. The requirements of the quality system of EFRS are mandatory and all personnel of EFRS have a responsibility and obligation to comply with it.

To ensure the Hull IVF Unit maintains its awareness for continuous improvement, the quality system is regularly reviewed and is subject to annual audit. Policies are subsequently reviewed and amended in light of experience and to keep pace with the latest developments in the field.

Information Governance

The Hull IVF Unit operates an information governance policy equivalent to ISO27001 to ensure protection of personal information.

Patients with special needs

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have any special care needs. We endeavour to provide the best care possible in an environment suited to your needs. We may need to make adjustments to layout prior to your appointments. We can normally arrange most services or equipment quite quickly to ensure your experience is a positive one.

If English is not your first language and you feel you would benefit from an interpreter, this can be offered by prior arrangement.

We provide patient information from the request cards, in Polish and Kurdish-Sorani upon request.

Feedback

The Hull Andrology Unit strives to provide a high level of service to users and patients. We value your opinions and would appreciate feedback on the service.

If users or patients wish to help us develop the service or have a complaint please contact the Unit and we would be happy to discuss this further.

Declaration of ethical conduct

The Hull Andrology Unit has no commercial or financial interest or other pressures pertaining to the activities undertaken and advice given. Samples and information are treated according to the relevant legal requirements.

Recommendations for further investigations are based on best practice guidance advising patients are seen by a clinician with specialist interest in subfertility.

How to contact us

Opening Hours

The Hull Andrology Unit is open at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 – 14:00 (excluding Bank Holidays)

Samples will be accepted during these hours either through a booked appointment (book via www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings) or as a sample drop-off.

Samples will not be accepted outside of these hours, unless by prior arrangement.

Contact Information

The Hull Andrology Unit
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The Women and Children's Hospital
Hull Royal Infirmary
Anlaby Road
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Andrology Tel: 01482 608948

Fax: 01482 382672



Alternatively out of Andrology hours we can be contacted via the Hull IVF Unit on 01482 382648, there is an answering machine service after 4.00pm.

General, non urgent enquiries can be emailed to enquiries@hullivf.org.uk.

Please note we are unable to provide patients with results, these will be issued by your referring GP. Results will be available on Labcentre or within 5-7 working days if a paper copy is issued. Clinical advice can be given to GPs between 8.30am and 4.00pm by contacting the Hull IVF Unit.

How to find us

The Hull IVF Andrology Unit is located on the ground floor of the Women and Children's Hospital, adjacent to the Hull IVF Unit, Hull Royal Infirmary site, Anlaby Road, Hull. The hospital is located about 1 kilometre west of the city centre train and bus stations, and is easily accessed from the A63 Clive Sullivan Way.

Sample acceptance policy

It is the responsibility of the requestor to ensure that samples are correctly labelled and request forms completed to the required standard.

All samples and request cards **MUST** have sufficient information on to allow unequivocal identification of the patient that the sample has come from, to ensure that the sample and card relate to the same person and to identify which tests need doing and any other requirements.

Inadequately labelled or unlabelled samples will not be analysed.

Essential Requirements	Desirable Requirements
<p>Samples and request forms MUST be labelled with:</p> <p>Full name and DOB of patient</p> <p>PLUS it must be possible to confirm one of the following; Hospital record number / NHS number, Address, partners name</p> <p>The request form data MUST match the above information on the sample</p> <p>Forms MUST detail the Identification and location of requestor</p>	<p>Test required</p> <p>Date and time of sample</p> <p>Contact number for requestor</p> <p>Relevant clinical information</p>

Due to medico-legal considerations; all inadequately labelled samples/ cards will require identification and verification prior to processing. The laboratory may not conduct some analyses if essential information is lacking. In addition, if desirable information items are omitted then it may not be possible to issue a report or to interpret the results. Appropriate comments will be made on the report.

Sample reporting policy

The Hull Andrology Unit will ensure that all sample reports are complete and accurate in all material respects however, the Hull Andrology Unit can only evaluate and perform testing on the samples provided and is therefore dependent on the patient providing satisfactory samples (as per the Acceptance Policy set out above). Where unsuitable samples are provided the Hull Andrology Unit will report this to the commissioning GP/ Consultant and will not evaluate and/or perform testing on the unsatisfactory samples.

Patient test results are made available to the commissioning GP/ Consultant in accordance with Data Protection Legislation (as in force from time to time in the United Kingdom in relation to patient data).

Upon completion of sample testing such samples will be destroyed unless otherwise agreed in writing or required to be retained to comply with Data Protection Legislation.

The Hull Andrology Unit will ensure that it has appropriate insurance in place in respect of its provision of the andrology services as set out in this Information Booklet. For the avoidance of doubt, the Hull Andrology Unit is not responsible for any patient's spouse or partner's future pregnancy following the patient's reliance on the results of any sample testing. A post vasectomy sample can only be tested for the presence or absence of spermatozoa in the semen at the time of the provision of the andrology services and the Hull Andrology Unit gives no warranties as to whether the patient's semen will remain absent of spermatozoa or as to whether the patient could potentially still be fertile following an individual patient report which shows the absence of spermatozoa in the sample.

Further for the avoidance of doubt, the Hull Andrology Unit is not responsible for any patient's fertility or their spouse or partner's ability to conceive following receipt of the results of a basic diagnostic infertility semen analysis (INF), special infertility semen analysis (SINF) and/or assisted reproduction techniques (ARTs). All and any of the INF, SINF and ARTs tests can only be carried out on the sample provided and any individual patient reports of the results of the sample testing should be read and construed in conjunction with the patient's medical history and the Hull Andrology Unit gives no warranties as to whether a positive report demonstrates fertility or will result in the spouse or partner being able to conceive.

Information for General Practitioners and Consultants- *Diagnostic semen analysis*

The Hull Andrology Unit has close associations with the Hull IVF Unit and therefore we feel that by offering the Andrology service we are able to offer continuity of care for patients who may need further treatment. We are a team of qualified Clinical Embryologists and an Andrologist who are fully trained in semen analysis and have applied knowledge of interpreting test results. By providing this service we can offer advice and support to GPs and Consultants on the clinical significance of findings. Immediate advice and action can be available for patients that may require further specialist follow up and to avoid possible later invasive surgical retrieval methods. Follow-up areas include culture and sensitivity testing, microbiological assessment of haemospermia, urological assessment or recommendations for subfertility referral.

How to refer a patient for a semen evaluation

- Each patient will need a Hull Andrology request card (version 2017), a specimen container (specific to semen testing) and a bag. The cards can be downloaded from the website. To order the cards, specimen pots and bags please call 01482 674715.
- The card needs to be fully completed. The card must include the male patient's **full name, date of birth and NHS number**. You must also provide your **own name, practice stamp and signature**.
- Please provide clinical information/the type of test required. By providing clinical information, such as if the patient has had a previous analysis, this allows us to provide useful interpretive comments and further advice.
- Please re-iterate to the patients that samples are only accepted at the Hull Andrology Unit on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 8.30 -14:00 (excluding bank holidays). There is an option for patients to book a sample drop-off appointment online via www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings in order to secure a time slot.
- A complete sample from a single ejaculate is required.
- A room is available for booking if patients are unable to deliver a fertility sample within an hour. The room can be booked via the online booking system at www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings or by calling The Hull IVF Unit.
- **Andrology staff reserve the right not to accept samples with incomplete request cards. It is essential that correct identification of the patient and GP can be made for confidentiality reasons.**
- **Please note – we do not accept high risk samples from patients who are known to be viral positive.**

Results

- Results will be reported via Labcentre/Patientcentre. Some GPs will also receive paper copies (if this service has been previously arranged). Results should be available within 5-7 working days. Please let us know if you are continually experiencing problems retrieving results.
- Occasionally results can not be reported. This may be because the GPs name is not on the card, the card is not signed or the patient's details are not fully completed.
- Occasionally the sample is unsuitable for analysis. You will be informed of this.
- If you have any problems obtaining results please call the Andrology unit during opening times.

- A repeat analysis may be advisable for a number of reasons. If the sample parameters are significantly reduced, patients have not followed the correct instructions or the sample is produced/delivered outside of opening times. Please see our acceptance policy above.
- If a poor result has been confirmed, these patients may benefit from a referral to the subfertility clinic and Hull Royal Infirmary or may wish to make a private appointment with a fertility specialist at the Hull IVF Unit to discuss this further.

Rejection criteria

Common reasons for not processing samples include;

- Incomplete request cards
- The sample leaking
- The sample arriving outside of opening hours
- The sample arriving over 60 minutes from the time of production.

Interpretation of results

All evaluations are carried out in accordance to WHO (World Health Organisation) guidelines. From January 2012 onwards, the WHO (2010) Laboratory Manual for the Examination and Processing of Human Semen (Fifth Edition) reference limits and guidelines are adhered to. This will ensure we are working in accordance with best practice guidelines and offering the highest level of treatment to our users and patients. Prior to 2012 the WHO (1999) reference limits were used. Please refer to the website for further information on reference values.

Every measurement will be subject to a margin of doubt. The level of doubt surrounding the true value can be described by the 'uncertainty of measurement'. When comparing a patient's result with the biological reference limits, the Consultant should be made aware of the uncertainty of measurement (see table). For example, a patient may attend for semen analysis and have a sperm concentration of 15 M/ml and then attend for a repeat evaluation and attain a result of 17 M/ml. These two results are not significantly different as they fall within the "uncertainty of measurement" values (± 10.14) defined by U with a level of confidence (CI) of approximately 95 %. These differences may be due to random or systematic errors in the laboratory (such as calibration of equipment, operator differences etc). Only a result outside of the 10.14 uncertainty measurement would be of clinical significance rather than due to chance.

Measurement	Uncertainty of measurement ($\pm 95\%$ CI)
Concentration (M/ml)	15M/ml ± 10.14
Progressive Motility (%)	32% ± 6.06
Morphology (%)	4 ± 4.30
Volume (ml)	1.5 ± 0.22

When monitoring a patient, a Consultant may wish to know if the current patient's result is significantly different with regard to the previous one. Approximately, a 10% difference may be expected when comparing two successive semen evaluations for concentration or motility. The laboratory team will be happy to advice on this.

Information for General Practitioners and Consultants- Post-vasectomy semen analysis

A team of fully trained Embryologists and an Andrologist carry out Post Vasectomy semen evaluations to confirm the presence or absence of sperm. All samples are analysed in accordance to the latest standards set by the Association of Biomedical Andrologists, the British Andrology Society and the British Association of Urological Surgeons to promote best practice. Guidelines state that if no sperm are seen by direct microscopy, the centrifugate should also be examined for the presence or absence of spermatozoa. The Guidelines also recommend that initial assessment should be undertaken a minimum of 12 weeks post vasectomy and after the patient has produced at least 20 ejaculates. Patients should be advised to continue contraception until clearance is granted Hancock *et al.* (2016).

How to refer a patient for a post-vasectomy semen analysis

- Patients should be supplied with fully completed referral card(s) (version 2017), semen specimen container(s) (specific to semen testing) and bag(s). The cards can be downloaded from the website. To order the cards, specimen pots and bags please call 01482 674715.
- The card must be fully completed. The card must include the male patient's **full name**, **date of birth** and **NHS number**. You must also provide the **date of vasectomy**, **your own name**, **practice stamp** and **signature**, along with the **type of test** required. Please ask the patient to complete the appropriate fields for **abstinence period**, whether the sample was **complete** and **date/time of production**. As standard a comment will be made on the report stating *"This result is only valid if all of the clinical information is complete."*
- It is recommended that patients should undergo abstinence for no less than 2 days and no more than 7 days. The Guidelines also recommend that the time from production to examination of the sample should be no longer than 4 hours.
- The **complete** sample is required from a single ejaculate.
- Patients bringing the sample in for analysis should drop the sample at the Hull Andrology Unit on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8.30 and 14:00 (excluding bank holidays). There is an option for patients to book a sample drop-off appointment online via www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings in order to secure a time slot.
- Samples will only be accepted when brought directly to the Andrology Unit within the recommended time frame and will **not** be accepted from the GP run.
- **Andrology staff reserve the right not to accept samples with incomplete request cards. It is essential that correct identification of the patient and GP can be made for confidentiality reasons.**
- **Please note – we do not accept high risk samples from patients who are known to be viral positive.**

Results

- Results will be reported via Labcentre/Patientcentre within 5-7 working days. Some GPs/ Consultants will also receive paper copies (if this service has been previously arranged). Please let us know if you are continually experiencing problems retrieving results.
- Occasionally results can not be reported. This may be because the GPs name is not on the card, the card is not signed, the patient's details are not fully completed or the referring doctor is not on the Labcentre system.
- If you have any problems obtaining results please call the Unit during opening hours.

The following results may be reported:

- No spermatozoa seen. The seminal fluid and a centrifugate has been examined by direct microscopy and no spermatozoa were seen over several fields.
- Very occasional spermatozoa seen. Less than 5 spermatozoa seen when examining either the neat seminal fluid or centrifugate.
- Occasional spermatozoa seen. Less than or equal to 50 spermatozoa seen when examining either the neat seminal fluid or centrifugate.
- A sperm count may also be entered if there is sufficient quantity of spermatozoa.

If persistent sperm are found in a patient's samples, it is essential that the patient brings further samples directly to the Andrology laboratory **within one hour** of production. This is to ensure we can exclude the presence of potentially fertilising motile sperm. A room is available for booking if patients are unable to deliver a fertility sample within an hour. The room can be booked via the online booking system at www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings or by calling The Hull IVF Unit.

Rejection criteria

Common reasons for not processing samples include;

- Incomplete request cards
- The sample leaking
- The sample arriving outside of opening hours.

Interpretation of results

It is recognised that during post-vasectomy analysis that sources of uncertainty may arise from several sources as described above, however it is difficult to put a value of uncertainty, as such, on post-vasectomy semen analysis. The following sources of variation are sometimes/always involved in post-vasectomy analysis and have a value of uncertainty: air displacement pipettes, positive displacement pipettes and centrifugal pelleting. Given these variables it is not possible to put a value of measurement of uncertainty for post-vasectomy semen samples.

Patient Information – *Diagnostic semen analysis*

Male factor infertility is a common phenomenon affecting approximately 50% of all subfertile couples. The diagnostic semen analysis examines several parameters to allow us to judge the quality of a semen sample. It looks at the sperm count (number of sperm), motility (how well the sperm are moving) and normal forms (how the sperm are shaped). These are all factors that if they fall below certain levels could have an impact on how long it takes to achieve a pregnancy or whether it is possible to conceive a child naturally.

Request card

- A request card must be obtained from your GP or Consultant along with a sterile, semen specimen pot and bag. The card should be fully completed and contain the type of test required, name, health surgery and signature of the Doctor requesting the test and also your name, date of birth and NHS number.
- Please record the **time** and **date of collection**, **number of days abstinence** and whether or not the **complete sample** was collected on the card.
- Please also note on your request card as to whether you object to your sample being used for training purposes. Training purposes allows our Andrology and Embryology teams to perform quality assessments of the procedures and equipment used within the laboratory in order to provide a continual highly effective and accurate service.
- **Andrology staff reserve the right not to accept samples with incomplete request cards. It is essential that correct identification of the patient and GP can be made for confidentiality reasons.**

Producing the sample

- Intercourse or ANY sexual activity should be avoided for 2 days and a maximum of 7 days.
- Your name and date of birth must be clearly written on the container.
- In order to collect a clean sample, you should pass urine and then wash and rinse your hands, nails and penis before ejaculating into the specified container.
- The sample should be hygienically obtained by masturbation into the sterile container provided. Do not use a condom or lubricant. A complete sample from a single ejaculate is required. Please ensure the pot is properly closed to avoid leakage and placed within the sample bag.
- If you have problems or objections producing a sample by masturbation, please contact the laboratory on 01482 608948.
- The sample should be protected from extremes of temperature and kept as close to body temperature as possible.
- The sample should preferably be delivered by the patient.
- The sample should be delivered between 8:30am and 2.00pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday (excluding bank holidays). There is an option for you to book a sample drop-off appointment online via www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings in order to secure a time slot.
- A room is available for booking if you are unable to deliver a fertility sample within an hour. The room can be booked via the online booking system at www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings or by calling The Hull IVF Unit.
- Samples taken to the wrong department, received outside of opening hours, over 60 minutes since production or without a fully labelled referral card or container will NOT be processed. Your NHS number must be recorded on the card.

Test results/Interpretation

- Results will be provided to your GP/Consultant within 5-7 working days. Results can not be given over the telephone.
- Please see your doctor to receive test results and interpretation – the Andrology staff cannot give out results.
- Occasionally a repeat test is requested to confirm the results.

Problems/Repeat tests

- If your GP has not received your results there may be a common explanation such as those in the sample acceptance policy above. Please allow 5-7 working days for the sample to be processed and result inputted/sent out. If you still have difficulty accessing your results please ask your GP to contact the Andrology Unit.
- If the sample has been classified as unsuitable for analysis your GP will be informed. You will be required to collect a new referral card and container and bring in a new sample for analysis. Occasionally if the parameters of the sample are lower than expected or further confirmation of the result is needed the GP may suggest you bring in another sample for a repeat analysis.

Patient Information – *Post-vasectomy semen analysis*

Vasectomy can be regarded as one of the safest and most effective forms of birth control, however it is important that post operative instructions are followed very carefully. Evidence has shown that immediately following vasectomy, ejaculates will contain potentially fertile sperm. It is therefore essential that contraception should be continued until your Consultant advises otherwise. The professional Guidelines recommend that initial assessment of an ejaculate should take place at a minimum of 12 weeks post vasectomy and after production of at least 20 ejaculates. Contraception should be used until clearance is given by your Consultant Hancock *et al.* (2016).

Collection of the sample

- You should have been given completed request card(s), sterile specimen pot(s) and bag(s) by your consultant. Please ensure all your details are completed on both the card and specimen pot. **You MUST complete all required fields including number of days abstinence, whether the sample was complete, date/time of production and the date of your vasectomy.** Without this information your results will not be valid and you will have to repeat the test.
- Please also note on your request card as to whether you object to your sample being used for training purposes. Training purposes allows our Andrology and Embryology teams to perform quality assessments of the procedures and equipment used within the laboratory in order to provide a continual highly effective and accurate service.
- In order to collect a clean sample, you should pass urine and then wash and rinse your hands, nails and penis before ejaculating into the specified container.
- Intercourse or ANY sexual activity should be avoided for 2 days and a maximum of 7 days.
- The sample should be hygienically obtained by masturbation and ejaculated into the specimen pot. Do not use a condom or lubricant. The **complete** sample from a single ejaculate is required. Ensure the pot is properly closed to avoid leakage and placed within the sample bag.
- If you have problems or objections producing a sample by masturbation, please contact the laboratory on 01482 608948.
- The sample should preferably be delivered by the patient.
- The sample should be delivered between 8:30am and 2.00pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday (excluding bank holidays). There is an option for you to book a sample drop-off appointment online via www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings in order to secure a time slot.
- **Andrology staff reserve the right not to accept samples with incomplete request cards. It is essential that correct identification of the patient and GP can be made for confidentiality reasons.**

Results/repeat tests

- The results of each analysis will be sent to your GP/Consultant within 5-7 working days of the analysis. These will not be given out to patients by the Andrology Unit.
- Please see/phone your Consultant to find out your test results – the Andrology staff cannot give out results.
- If two semen samples are not completely free of sperm your Consultant should advise you to bring further samples for analysis. You should use contraception until your consultant advises otherwise.
- In some cases there may have been a problem with one of the initial samples and you may require a repeat analysis (details not on your pot/card, sample leaked etc).

- If you consistently produce samples with sperm present your consultant may advise you to bring your next sample to the Unit within one hour of production. This allows us to search for the presence of motile sperm. Please refer to the instructions for patients requiring a semen analysis. A room is available for booking if you are unable to deliver a sample within an hour. The room can be booked via the online booking system at www.hullivf.org.uk/bookings or by calling The Hull IVF Unit.

Useful links with more information

British Infertility Counselling Association

Professional association for infertility counselling in the UK

<http://www.bica.net/holding.php>

Fertility Matters

Information, advice and support for anyone experiencing difficulties getting pregnant

<http://fertilitymatters.org.uk/>

Fertility Network UK

The national charity for anyone who has experienced fertility problems

<http://fertilitynetworkuk.org/>

Fertility UK

National Fertility Awareness Service for the UK

<http://www.fertilityuk.org/>

Hull IVF Unit

East Yorkshire's only clinic providing specialist infertility investigations and treatment

<https://www.hullivf.org.uk/>

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

Free, clear and impartial advice to all affected by fertility treatment

<https://www.hfea.gov.uk/>

Mensfe

Men's Fertility Website

<http://www.mensfe.net/>

NHS Choices

Fertility – <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/infertility/diagnosis/>

Vasectomy – <https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/contraception-guide/Pages/vasectomy-male-sterilisation.aspx>

Patient

Professional reference articles written by UK doctors based on research evidence, EU & UK Guidelines

<https://patient.info/doctor/infertility-male>

Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Services

Hull and East Riding

www.conifersexhealth.co.uk