

PDL Collection Guide: Semen Collection for Post Vasectomy Testing

Post Vasectomy: Semen Collection

Your provider has requested a test that requires you to collect a semen specimen.

Please follow the collection instructions outlined below to obtain the specimen for testing. Please note that if the instructions are not followed as outlined, it may compromise the specimen. A compromised specimen will affect the test results.

PLEASE NOTE: If your provider has specifically requested a Post-Vasectomy on a **fresh specimen**, please follow the collection instructions for "[Semen Collection for Fertility Testing](#)".

Collection Instructions:

1. Use a clean, no additive container



Sterile, leak-proof container

2. Abstain from ejaculation two to seven days prior to collection.
3. Collect by masturbation only.
4. Collect entire ejaculate into the specimen container (do not use a condom).
5. Avoid use of lubricants and other products that may contaminate the specimen.
6. Label specimen container with:
 - **Patient's FULL name**
 - **Date of Birth (DOB)**
 - **Collection Date & Time**
7. Keep at room temperature and avoid temperature extremes during transport to the lab.
8. If collected at home, deliver the specimen to one of the following locations the **same day** as collected:
 - **Your provider's office**
ONLY if instructed to do so when you were given the collection kit
 - **PDL Patient Service Center (PSC)**
To find a location, visit our website at www.pdllabs.com
 - **PDL Core Laboratory** Monday- Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
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