

Information for GPs/Referrers

Sperm freezing

Currently we are able to offer NHS funded storage for oncology, chemotherapy and pre-surgery, except elective sterilisations. This is available to patients from any Health Board in Wales.

Sperm banking should be solely the choice of the patient. This is of particular relevance to the storage in adolescents where the choice must be free from coercion by either the referring centre or the parents/guardian.

There is no defined lower age limit for storage; however boys must have reached Tanner stage 2 of puberty. Young people must be assessed as Gillick competent before signing consents to storage.

To arrange storage, please complete the referral form (See linked forms)

It is important that the referral form has the correct telephone number for the patient, as this is how we will contact them when we are ready to store their sperm.

The referral form contains information about all the required screening tests, please note that we are unable to commence until the laboratory receives hardcopies of the results.

The patient requires

- HFEA GS and CD forms (See linked forms)
- MT form if he has a partner (See linked forms)
- The partner will also need to complete a CD form (See linked forms)
- Sperm freeze agreement (See linked forms)
- All forms will need to be brought to the laboratory with the patient on their first appointment
- Inform the patient that they will need to provide photo identification for their partner and themselves.
- The laboratory will contact the patient directly as soon as they are ready to carry out the freeze
- If known, include date that treatment is due to commence. This allows the laboratory to prioritise the most urgent cases