

**LTR18178**

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## **Semen Wash Specimen Delivery/Pick-up Instructions**

- ❖ Semen should be collected according to physician instructions.
- ❖ Specimen should be delivered to the main laboratory as soon as possible after collection. The procedure for the semen wash is to be started within 30 minutes of collection for optimal results. The specimen must be kept at body temperature during transportation. To maintain body temperature, keep the specimen cup as close to the body as possible. Some suggestions are to place the cup under the arm or in an inside pocket.
- ❖ The specimen must be delivered to the *main laboratory*, to ensure that the technologist receives the specimen as soon as possible. To find the laboratory:

Park in lot 4 (visitor parking) off of Chapel Drive. Enter the single story section of the hospital through the door to the north of the lot. Go down the steps and proceed to the hallway with the green tiled floor. Turn left and follow that hallway until you can turn right. The procedure room will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> door on your left. The door will be open and the technologist performing the procedure will be in there waiting.

- ❖ Upon completion of the procedure, the technologist will phone you and let you know that the specimen is ready to be picked up. The procedure generally takes 2 to 3 hours to complete. You can pick up the specimen at the same place you delivered it to. Again, the specimen will need to be kept warm and taken directly to the physician's office for insemination.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please call the laboratory at (419)423-5318.