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PRE-VASECTOMY INFORMATION SHEET

The intention of this procedure is to render a male sterile and incapable of fathering further children. You should therefore not think about having a vasectomy unless you are absolutely sure that you will never want another child.

THE COUNSELLING APPOINTMENT

If you wish to proceed, an appointment should be made for counselling with Dr. John Boyle. It may be helpful if your partner attends with you. During this appointment all aspects of the procedure will be discussed, including the failure rate and known complications. You will be asked to sign a consent form, either at this visit or when you attend for the procedure. The appointment usually lasts 10 – 15 minutes.

THE VASECTOMY PROCEDURE (NO SCALPEL VASECTOMY)

This is generally a safe and simple procedure. Local anaesthetic is injected under the skin at either side of the scrotum. This freezes the procedure area. It can be a little uncomfortable for about twenty seconds until the anaesthetic takes effect. A small cut is made either side of the tube (Vas) which carries sperm from the testicles to the penis. Instead of a scalpel – a special type of forceps is used. A small portion of the tube is removed and the ends tied. In some cases, a small electrical needle is passed down the centre of the tube and seals off the flow of sperm. This causes no additional discomfort. A stitch closes the wound on each side. These dissolve themselves in 7-10 days. **It is important that you have breakfast as normal before you attend. Please wear underpants not boxer shorts.**

SHAVING

It is important that the **area is shaved** the evening prior to attending. Please shave all hair off the scrotum and around the base of the penis. Failure to do this may prevent the procedure being carried out.

AFTER THE PROCEDURE

There will be some discomfort for the following 48 hours. Almost all patients get quite a bit of bruising and some swelling. Keeping the scrotum well supported for a few days afterwards can reduce this. While the majority of patients would probably be able to return to work the following day, it would be more beneficial to your recovery if work was avoided for the day or two afterwards. The stitches will dissolve themselves. The area should be kept clean and dry. A bath with added salt can help healing.

SPECIMENS

The clinic will give you a specimen container after the procedure. The specimen should be collected by either incomplete intercourse and withdrawal or by masturbation directly into the container. A clear specimen is required. If this specimen show the presence of sperm, a further container will be sent to you for a specimen. It is important to continue using contraception until we have informed you of the success of your vasectomy. Regular intercourse will help to clear the tubes of sperm.

COMPLETION

Once we have received a sample free from sperm, we will inform you and your GP of the vasectomy success. Once you have received this written confirmation, it will not be necessary to use further contraception.

The initial risk that the operation has not worked is 1 in 100 cases (this would be picked up by the samples you hand in). If this occurs the operation would need to be repeated. In the first few years after the all clear the chance of failure is 1 in a 1000. Up to 10 years the chance of failure after the all clear is 1 in 5000.

COST

The total cost for private patients is €450. The breakdown is €50 for the counselling and €400 for the vasectomy (including all aftercare and semen sampling)

If you have a valid medical card for the Mid West area there is no charge for the vasectomy (including all aftercare and semen sampling) - however there is a €50 euro charge for the counselling.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR PROBLEMS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR VASECTOMY, PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE CLINIC ON 065 6868140. PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR CONFIDENTIALITY RESULTS ARE NOT DISCUSSED OVER THE PHONE.