

Procedure for **Arcadia clinic** testicle/epididymis biopsy with tissue/fluid processing at Harvest Fertility:

We are thankful for the opportunity to be involved in your fertility care. Dr. Mary Samplaski/USC Urology and Harvest Fertility are independent organizations, and have no business ties.

- 1) Dr. Samplaski procures testicular/epididymal tissue/fluid,
- 2) Harvest Fertility evaluates the specimens, looks for sperm, cryopreserves and stores the specimens.

Because these entities are not related, all arrangements need to be made between them independently. Dr. Samplaski and Maria Gonzalez will assist the patient with these arrangements, but ultimately it is the patient's responsibility to ensure that all arrangements are made. The goal of these instructions is to ensure the smooth processing and storage of your specimen and any unexpected fees.

Specifics of this include:

1. The immune panel. This must be drawn 2-4 weeks prior to any specimen processing. This is to ensure the safety of both the patient's specimen, as well as other patient's specimens. It is the patient's responsibility to contact the facility where these labs were drawn, get the results and have them sent to Harvest Fertility. Dr. Samplaski's assistant, Maria Gonzales may be able to assist getting results, but ultimately it is up to the patient to ensure that these are received by Harvest Fertility.
2. Harvest Fertility is located in the same building, one floor up, from USC Urology Arcadia. Typically, Dr. Samplaski will transport samples between floors.
3. Payments to each of the 2 involved service parties are completely separate and are handled by the individual business entities independently, and are due at the time of service:
 - Dr. Mary Samplaski: The cash cost for the clinic testicle biopsy is \$1300. If you choose to bill your insurance, we can provide you with documentation to submit for reimbursement. The billing code for the clinic testicle biopsy is 55899. This is both diagnostic and therapeutic since any sperm found will be frozen for future fertility use.
 - Harvest Fertility: These fees may change, but are generally around \$900; Please contact Harvest Fertility directly for their current price point.

Contacting Dr. Samplaski: Please direct all communication to Dr. Samplaski and Maria Gonzalez via the USC Patient Portal (not email). Please remember, just because a message to Dr. Samplaski or Maria Gonzalez was sent, does not mean that it was received or is being addressed. We have many patients undergoing fertility care, and while we care immensely about each and every one, it is ultimately the patient's responsibility to ensure that all coordination of care is made.

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