

Procedure for Verdugo clinic testicle/epididymis biopsy with tissue/fluid processing at Fairfax Cryobank:

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

- 1) Dr. Samplaski procures testicular/epididymal tissue/fluid,
- 2) Dr. Jerry Hall evaluates the specimen(s) and looks for sperm, and
- 3) Fairfax Cryobank cryopreserves and stores the specimens.

Because these three 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 Fairfax Cryobank. 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 Fairfax Cryobank.
2. Arrangements for any sample transportation (tissue or fluid), need to be arranged directly between the patient and Fairfax Cryobank. Most patients choose to have family members drive the sample. We suggest that you contact Fairfax Cryobank as soon as possible after scheduling your biopsy. Please let them know when the biopsy is scheduled for, so they know when the sample will be arriving and ensure personnel are available to receive and process it.
3. Payments to each of the 3 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.
 - Dr. Jerry Hall: His professional fee is \$600. This is paid directly to "Dr. Jerry Hall" via personal check.
 - Fairfax Cryobank: These fees may change, but are generally around \$500; Please contact Fairfax Cryobank 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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