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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 only**, to ensure that the technologist receives the specimen as soon as possible. To find the laboratory:

Park at the Northwest entrance (there is a green sign). Go in the doors and go straight ahead until that hall turns left or right. Go to the left around the corner, and then take the first right. In that hallway, the second door on the left is the entrance to the Main Laboratory. Proceed into the lab to the glass wall, where a lab processor will be on the right. If the processor is not there, another employee can direct you to the hematology technologist that will take the specimen from you.
- ❖ Upon completion of the procedure, the technologist will phone you at the number given at specimen drop-off 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. 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.