

# Testing Update

Memo From the Laboratory

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## **Discontinuation of Semen Wash Procedure for Fertility**

After reviewing current testing volumes, resource utilization, and competency requirements, this memo serves as formal notification that the Semen Wash/ Swim Up procedure performed at BVH Laboratory will be discontinued effective May 1, 2026.

### Rationale for Discontinuation

1. **Insufficient Test Volume:** Over the last two years, the volume of requests for the Semen Wash procedure has remained consistently low. We performed 4 in 2024, 6 in 2025, and zero in 2026 as of this memo.
2. **Challenges in Maintaining Staff Competency:** Due to the low number of test cases, staff no longer have adequate opportunities to maintain competency and proficiency as required by regulatory and accreditation standards. Competency assessment for specialized procedures depends on routine performance, observation, and result review—all of which are not feasible with the current testing frequency.
3. **Operational Efficiency:** Discontinuing this underutilized procedure allows us to better focus resources on higher volume, clinically impactful testing and ensures that staff can devote time to procedures where ongoing competency can be reliably maintained.
4. **Transitioning this procedure to laboratories equipped to maintain competency and volume** will help ensure patients continue to receive high-quality, clinically appropriate testing.

Thank you for your cooperation as we streamline services to maintain the highest standards of quality and compliance.