**Sperm Banking**

(MGH Social Work Staff Reference Document)

**New England Cryogenic Center**

www.necryogenic.com

Contact Number: 617-631-8380 (Newton location)

Contact Name: Denise (changes regularly)

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm

Instructions:

* Team speaks to the patient and family re: whether they are interested in sperm banking.
* Nurse calls New England Cryogenic Center to let them know of the patient’s interest.
* Center will fax over:
	+ Consent packet for patient to complete
	+ Instructions re: how to collect and transport
	+ Lab tray requisition for physician to fill out
* Nurse will call when patient is ready to collect, and again after collection has taken place.  MGH provides the collection receptacle. The timing must be coordinated with NECC, so the courier’s timing can be correct. All specimens must be received by the lab by 3pm. They must arrive there within one hour of collection.
* Price lists are on the website.
* Generally, the medical team and RNs should take the lead, and SWs do not need to be involved with this process, **unless the family expresses a clear financial limit to what they can pay.**
* IMPORTANT: If this issue comes up over the weekend, the RN would contact MGH Fertility Clinic in Yawkey for instructions.

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Payment:

$175 Courier Fee

$400 Processing Fee

$475 1 year Storage (annual fee)

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$990 total

Optional:

-$200 semen analysis

-$225 morphology analysis

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$425 total

* The optional tests determine the viability of the specimen.
* Physician can write on the requisition form, “If no sperm seen, do not bank.” This will save the patient from having to pay the storage fee if their specimen isn’t viable. Physician can also request a call with the results of these tests.

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* They prefer payment up front, but may be able to do a three or six-month payment plan on the storage fee. **The patient or family needs to speak with the fertility clinic about this.**
* To avoid the courier fee, a family member can deliver the specimen to the lab.
* The Social Service Department ancillary may be able to help offset the processing fee if the family is expressing significant financial hardship. Call Susan Morrissey to confirm approval, then fill out ancillary form AND write a letter on department letterhead instructing New England Cryogenic to send a bill for the processing fee to Susan Morrissey. This letter will be included in the patient’s paperwork.

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Historically, this is not a service covered by MassHealth. For commercial insurers, patients would need to call to inquire.

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