

## **COLLECTION PROCEDURE**

## **SEMEN**

- 1. Abstain from sexual intercourse or masturbation for 48-72 hours, but no longer than 5 days prior to collection.
- Collect the specimen by masturbation and ejaculate into a clean plastic container provided by the laboratory. If masturbation is not possible, please consult with your doctor or the Hematology supervisor at the lab. The use of a condom is <u>not</u> acceptable.
- 3. Care must be taken to ensure that none of the semen sample is lost during collection.
- 4. Deliver the specimen to the laboratory within one hour of collection. Keep the specimen warm by placing the container in a pocket or close to the body during transport to the lab. Avoid temperature extremes during delivery to the lab.

## Patient,

## Please fill out the form below and return this with your specimen:

Name	
Collection Date & Time:	
Days of Abstinence:	
Please circle method of collection: Masturbation Other (explain)	
Please circle type of collection container: Sterile Plastic Other (explain	n)
List any collection or transportproblems:	

If you have any questions, please call Client Services, Interpath Lab at 800 700-6891