

ANDROLOGY EQA - CYCLE 8

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGES BELOW.
ALSO TAKE NOTE OF THE LETTER REGARDING THE CD THAT WILL FOLLOW.

MATERIAL	<p><u>Your kit contains:</u> <u>CD:</u> with videos of samples 1 / 2 and 3 <u>Samples:</u> semen samples 4 / 5 and 6 for Sperm count <u>Slides:</u> three slides 7 / 8 and 9 for Supravital staining</p>
PREPARATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine each sample as you would a routine sample and write the results onto our form. 2. Return the forms to us by the cut-off date shown below.
STORAGE & SAFETY	<p>Analyse the samples as soon as possible, but before the date shown below. Retain the liquid samples at 2-8 °C prior to analysis. For protection it is recommended that these be handled as carefully as patient samples. Dispose of used samples by your routine system for patient samples.</p>
CUT-OFF	<p>In order for your data to be included in your report, we MUST receive results by 10:00 am on the final cut-off date. If the recommended analysis date does not allow you to get results to us on time, please analyse earlier.</p>
NOTES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treat the samples as patient samples. DO NOT give them special treatment. 2. We prefer you to fax results back to us if possible. It is more successful than posting. 3. Reports will be printed and mailed within one week of the cut-off date, or if you prefer the report to be emailed, please fill in your email address in on the space give on the result return sheet. 4. Collusion and/or falsification of EQA results are not good accreditation practice. 5. <u>Please check the kit on arrival in your lab, to ensure that all samples are received.</u>

Sample No:	ANALYSIS DATES	FINAL CUT-OFF DATES
1 to 9	23 July 2007	10 August 2007

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