**What is Vasectomy?** Vasectomy is a kind of birth control for men. It works by blocking the tubes that carry sperm to the penis so it keeps sperm out of semen. Semen is ejaculated, but it cannot cause pregnancy. It takes about 3 months before it works. Vasectomy is one of the most effective methods of birth control. There is a small risk that it won’t work. When men have their semen tested after vasectomy, there is less than 1 pregnancy per 2000 couples.

Vasectomy is meant to be permanent. Reversing it is difficult, expensive and often doesn’t work. A man must be certain that he does not want to cause any pregnancies before he chooses this method.

**What are the benefits of vasectomy?** It is a highly effective method of birth control for men who do not want more children. It is safe and convenient. It allows a man to take responsibility for birth control. It may increase the enjoyment and frequency of sex.

**What other choices do I have?** There are other methods of birth control that can be used by you and your partner(s). The only other method that is intended to be permanent is sterilization for the woman.

**What are the risks of vasectomy?**

* Infection in the skin, tubes, or testicles – Treatment with antibiotics, or very rarely, surgery, may be needed.
* Bleeding – You may notice blood from the place the skin was cut and this usually stops on its own.
* Hematoma — bleeding under the skin that may cause swelling or bruising. It usually goes away on its own. It may need medical treatment or surgery.
* Spermatic Granuloma — swelling caused by leakage of sperm that usually clears on its own. It may need to be drained.
* Pain —Very rarely, there may be bad pain in the scrotum or testicles that lasts for months or years.

**What will happen to me during my vasectomy?** Vasectomy is done in the clinic. We may give you medicine to help you relax. The doctor will clean the scrotum. Numbing medicine will then be given in the area. The doctor will make 1 or 2 small holes in the skin of the scrotum and find both tubes that carry sperm to the penis to cut or block them. A small section of each tube may be removed.

**What will happen to me after my vasectomy?** You can go home the same day. You may have some pain, swelling and/or bruising in the area. This is normal.

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* fever (over 100.4° F)
* blood or pus coming from the incision
* bad pain or swelling

You **must** bring in a semen sample 12 weeks after your vasectomy. It needs to be tested to make sure that you are sterile. You are sterile when there are no sperm in the sample or only a small amount of sperm that doesn’t move. You need to use another method of birth control until we tell you that you are sterile. Very rarely a second vasectomy is needed if the first one does not make you sterile.

**What else do I need to know?**

* Vasectomy protects against pregnancy, but does not protect you from sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Always use a condom for protection against infection.
* Vasectomy does not cause any change in sexual performance, pleasure, sensation, interest, desire, satisfaction, ability to have an erection or to ejaculate, or amount of semen.

It is very important that you understand this information. We are happy to answer your questions.

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