

Your consent to the use of your sperm in artificial insemination



About this form

This form is produced by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), the UK's independent regulator of fertility treatment and human embryo research. For more information about us, visit www.hfea.gov.uk.

Who should fill in this form?

Fill in this form if your partner is having artificial insemination using your sperm. This may be intrauterine insemination (IUI) or gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT).

What do I need to know before filling in this form?

Before you fill in this form, you should be certain that your clinic has given you all the relevant information you need to make fully informed decisions. This includes:

- information about:
 - the different options set out in this form
 - the implications of giving your consent
 - the consequences of withdrawing this consent, and
 - how you can make changes to, or withdraw, your consent.
- an opportunity to have counselling.

If you are unsure, or think that you have not been given all of this information, please speak to your clinic. There is a declaration at the end of this form which you must sign to confirm you have received this information. If you do not receive this information before filling in this form, your consent may be invalid. If you are unable to complete this form because of physical illness, injury or disability, you may direct someone else to complete and sign it for you.

However, if you are consenting to being registered as the legal parent of any child born as a result of treatment after your death (see section 5.3), you must sign the form yourself.

Why do I have to fill in this form?

By law (the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)), you need to give your written consent if you want your sperm to be used in fertility treatment.

If you are planning to store any sperm that are left after your treatment, you are legally required to record what you would like to happen to your sperm if you were to die or lose the ability to decide for yourself (become mentally incapacitated). While this is perhaps not something you have considered, your clinic needs to know this so that they only allow your sperm to be used according to your wishes. You will need to complete an additional form if you want to store your sperm. If you are unsure of anything in relation to this, please ask your clinic.

Why are there questions about using my sperm for training purposes?

You may have some sperm left after treatment which you do not wish to use (eg, because you do not want future treatment or the sperm are not viable for treatment). On this form, you can consent to donate this sperm for training purposes to allow healthcare professionals to learn about, and practice, the techniques involved in fertility treatment.

What if I want to donate my sperm?

Unused sperm can also be donated for research purposes, helping to increase knowledge about diseases and serious illnesses and potentially develop new treatments. Your clinic can give you more information about this and provide you with the relevant consent form(s).

You could also think about donating viable unused sperm to another person for use in their treatment. Before doing this, there are lots of issues to consider. For more information, see www.hfea.gov.uk/donation/donors/donating-your-sperm. If you decide to donate, you will need to complete a separate form: 'Your consent to donating your sperm' (MD form).

When filling in this form, make sure you sign the declaration on every page to confirm that you have read the page and fully agree with the consent and information given. When you have completed the form you may request a copy of it from your clinic.

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HFEA centre
reference

Patient number assigned by clinic

Other relevant forms

1 About you

1.1 **Your first name(s)** *Place clinic sticker here*

1.2 **Your surname**

1.3 **Your date of birth** 1.4 **Your NHS/CHI/HCN/passport number**
(please circle)

2 About your partner

2.1 **Your partner's first name(s)** *Place clinic sticker here*

2.2 **Your partner's surname**

2.3 **Your partner's date of birth** 2.4 **Your partner's NHS/CHI/HCN/
passport number**
(please circle)

3 Your treatment

3.1 **Do you consent to your sperm being used in your partner's treatment, without the creation of embryos outside the body, ie, using artificial insemination?**

Examples include intrauterine insemination (IUI) or gamete intra-fallopian transfer, a technique which a small number of clinics use.

In order for your sperm to be used in your partner's treatment you must provide your consent by ticking the yes box below.

Yes

4 Using sperm for training

4.1 **Do you consent to your sperm being used for training purposes?**

Yes No

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Date

5**In the event of your death or mental incapacity**

If you are planning to store any sperm that are left after your treatment, you also need to decide what you would like to happen to your sperm if you were to die or lose the ability to decide for yourself (become mentally incapacitated).

If you do not give your consent in the below section, your sperm must be allowed to perish in the event of your death or mental incapacity and cannot be used in treatment.

5.1 Do you consent to your sperm being used in your partner’s treatment, without the creation of embryos outside the body (ie, through artificial insemination such as IUI or GIFT)?

If you die

Yes No

If you become mentally incapacitated

Yes No

5.2 Do you consent to your sperm being used for training purposes?

If you die

Yes No

If you become mentally incapacitated

Yes No

Other uses for your sperm

If you wish your sperm to be used to create embryos for the treatment of your partner or for someone else’s treatment if you die or become mentally incapacitated, please speak to your clinic for more information. Depending on your circumstances, you will need to complete one of the following:

- ‘Your consent to donating your sperm’ (MD form)
- ‘Your consent to donating embryos’ (ED form), or
- ‘Your consent to your sperm and embryos being used in treatment and/or stored (IVF and ICSI)’ (MT form)

Consent to birth registration

Complete this part of section five if you plan to store any sperm that is left after treatment and you have consented to your sperm being used in your partner’s treatment after your death.

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5 In the event of your death or mental incapacity *continued*

If you have given your consent to your sperm being used after your death, you may also wish to consent to being registered as the legal parent of any child that is born as a result of your partner's treatment.

5.3 Do you consent to being registered as the legal parent of any child born as a result of your partner's treatment after your death?

By ticking yes, you consent to the following:

- I consent to my name, place of birth and occupation being entered on the register of births as the legal parent of any child born from my partner's treatment.

This register is kept under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, or the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, or the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965.

- I also consent to information about my or my partner's treatment being disclosed to my partner and one of the following registrars:
 - the Registrar General for England and Wales
 - the Registrar General for Scotland
 - the Registrar for Northern Ireland.

Please note that being recorded in the register of births as the legal parent of a child born from your partner's treatment does not transfer any inheritance or other legal rights to the child.

Yes No

6 Declaration

Please sign and date the declaration

Your declaration

- I declare that I am the person named in section one of this form.
- I declare that:
 - before I completed this form, I was given information about the different options set out in this form, and I was given an opportunity to have counselling
 - the implications of giving my consent, and the consequences of withdrawing this consent, have been fully explained to me, and
 - I understand that I can make changes to, or withdraw, my consent at any point until the time of sperm transfer, use of the sperm in training, or until the sperm has been allowed to perish.
- I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.
- I understand that information on this form may be processed and shared for the purposes of, and in connection with, the conduct of licensable activities under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended) in accordance with the provisions of that act.

Your signature

Date

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If signing at the direction of the person consenting

If you have completed this form at the direction of the person consenting (because they are unable to sign for themselves due to physical illness, injury or disability), you must sign and date below. There must also be a witness confirming that the person consenting is present when you sign the form.

However, if the person consenting consented to being registered as the legal parent after their death (that is if they ticked yes to question 5.3), that person **must** sign the form themselves.

Representative's declaration

I declare that the person named in section one of this form is present at the time of signing this form and I am signing it in accordance with their direction.

Representative's name**Representative's signature****Relationship to the person consenting****Date** **Witness's name****Witness's signature****Date**