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Vasectomy Reversal

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What is Vasectomy reversal?

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As the name implies the operation involves joining the ends of the sperm tube together to establish continuity so that sperms can pass through and appear in the semen.

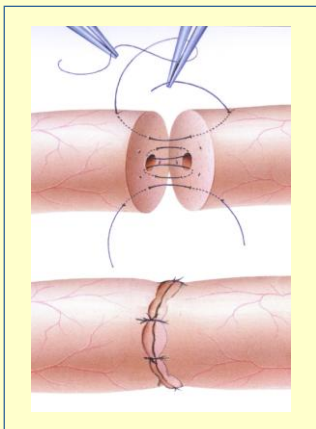
This operation is requested by people who had vasectomy some time ago, and there has been a change of circumstances, e.g. remarriage, new relationship.

The operation is technically more difficult than vasectomy and takes longer time to perform and recover.

Does it work?

Success of vasectomy reversal depends on:

- Time since vasectomy:
 - Best results are within 3 years (76% pregnancy rate)
 - 3-years: 53%
 - 9-14years: 44%
 - >15years: 30%
- Length of sperm tube (Vas) that has been removed at the original operation
- Closeness of vasectomy site to testis- the vas is much thinner and convoluted
- Presence of anti-sperm antibodies.
- Type of reversal - microsurgery gives best results.



Who will carry out my operation?



Mr. Bernard Potluri, will carry out the operation personally using micro surgical technique. He is a consultant urologist in the NHS and private sector for 13 years and has special interest in this operation.

He is also the surgeon for another popular vasectomy reversal clinic in Essex.

How much does it cost?

You will normally need to have a pre operative consultation, including a physical examination (£160-175) to give you a better idea of the possibilities and expected results, as it applies to your individual case. This will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you have. The consultation can take up to 30 minutes.

The total cost (our package price) for the operation carried out by Mr. Potluri at Rivers Hospital, Sawbridgeworth, is £2500. This includes Hospital and anaesthetic charges, 1 night stay if required and semen tests post operatively. Most patients who live locally tend to go home same evening.

Frequently asked Questions

What preparation is needed? We usually recommend you to shave scrotum and have a shower prior to arrival at the centre.

What type of anaesthesia is used? The operation can be performed under general anaesthesia or under local anaesthesia supplemented by sedo -analgesia given by the anaesthetist.

Will you be using a microsurgical technique? Yes. Use of an operating microscope has revolutionised this operation, enabling 2 layered microsurgical technique.

What does the operation involve? The scarred ends of vas are divided and patency confirmed by semen coming out of the testicular end and saline flush for the abdominal end. 8/0 or 9/0 nylon suture is used to join the freshened ends, usually in 2 layers. If there is no fluid from the testicular end, one has to resort to vaso-epididymostomy (joining the vas to the epididymis).

Post Operative instructions:

- A scrotal support with padding is recommended for the first 2 weeks.
- Avoid physical exertion for this duration.
- Pain killers and antibiotics are routinely prescribed to help with pain and prevent infection.
- Normal activities can be resumed in 48-72 hours, and intercourse in 10-14 days.
- Semen samples should be submitted in approximately 10 and 12 weeks.

Are there any complications?

- Bruising: It is not unusual for the scrotum to look red, swollen and bruised for the first few days. It may occasionally bleed and require further surgery
- Pain: Mild to moderate - controlled by tablets
- Infection: As with any wound, there is a small risk of infection. If the wound looks red, feels hot and start oozing smelly fluid or you feel feverish, you will need medical attention. Rarely inflammation of testis or epididymis requiring antibiotics
- Chronic testicular pain - 5% incidence or development of sperm granuloma, which may result in a lumpy feel
- No guarantee that sperm will return to semen
- Sperm may return but pregnancy is not always achieved

How to proceed further?

We hope this information is useful to you in your decision making process. Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information.

Mr. Potluri usually sees his reversal patients and also carries out the procedure at Rivers Hospital, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0HH:

http://www.ramsayhealth.co.uk/our_hospitals/choose_a_hospital/east/rivers_hospital.aspx

If you wish to proceed, you may either book available appointment via our on line booking system or call Mary on 01279 602652 (Mon to Fri. 8-4pm) to book an appointment for a consultation.

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