

# LHHW Fertility Clinic Storage Info Sheet

## Transfer information for patients with frozen eggs, embryos and/or sperm (gametes)

As of February 2018, the Regional Fertility and Women's Endocrine Clinic provides only insured fertility services, including diagnostic tests, endocrinology and semen analysis.

### Transfer/Discard Frozen Egg, Embryo and Sperm (Gametes)

- Patients have until March 31, 2021 to complete paperwork confirming the transfer of their specimens and/or the destruction of gametes and/or embryos that remain stored at the Clinic Lab without any storage costs incurred.
- For the decision to transfer gametes- once arrangements have been made and storage has been paid for at a private clinic of your choice within Canada, your gametes will be transferred to the private clinic by AHS.
- For the decision to discard gametes - consent forms will need to be signed.
- Effective April 1, 2021 AHS will be charging a fee of \$100.00 per month for continued storage of your gametes and/or embryos until they are transferred to a private clinic or destruction is authorized.
- Please be advised that if you have not arranged transfer of gametes and/or embryos, or completed a consent for destruction of gametes and/or embryos, as of July 1, 2021, AHS will begin pursuing court action to authorize the destruction of gametes and/or embryos that remain stored at the clinic lab.

There are regulatory standards that are followed to arrange the safe transport or disposal and we want to assure you that we will follow this process each and every time. FedEx transports the samples using a vehicle approved for medical transport. The samples are moved in dry shippers and the shipping company does all it can to ensure safe transport. There is very low risk involved in gamete transport. Costs for transport will only be covered using FedEx. If you choose to use another transport service, you will be responsible for the costs.

Please contact the clinic lab so that we can work with you to facilitate your request for transfer or disposal of your gametes. They can be reached at 780-735-5098.

### Patient files for gametes transfers

Patient charts do not follow gametes unless patients also request to transition their fertility care to a fertility clinic.

If a patient who has gametes transferred to a private fertility clinic chooses to seek fertility services in the future, she can request that her chart be sent to the fertility clinic. Patient charts are held by AHS for 11 years.

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AHS will cover the cost to copy and transfer patient files to a fertility clinic. If additional copies of the file are requested for personal use, the patient will be required to pay for the extra copies.

### Regional Fertility and Women's Endocrine Clinic Contact numbers:

AHS Clinic Lab: 780-735-5098

AHS Clinic: 780-735-5609

AHS Clinic Manager: 780-735-6665