

Rapid Access Private Vasectomy Clinic

Dr Herman Kwan offers a rapid access vasectomy clinic in South Surrey. It is private pay \$749. The procedure is performed in the South Surrey Medical Clinic (15850 26 Ave #101, Surrey, BC). This facility has BC College of Physician and Surgeons approved medical device reprocessing equipment and RNs to assist with procedures. Vasectomies are typically booked on a Friday afternoon to allow patients to recover over the weekend. Other days could be available as well.

Dr Kwan performs no scalpel vasectomy under local anesthetic using a small 30G needle. Dr Kwan has been performing vasectomies since 2007. The procedure generally takes 15-20minutes.

Dr Kwan prefers to see patients in his office (suite 300 2099 152nd st Surrey) for counselling prior to vasectomy. He will perform vasectomies on the day of meeting a patient for the first time if this is strongly desired and the patient is certain they would like to proceed with vasectomy. Please indicate this on referral should this be the case.

Dr Kwan still performs MSP covered vasectomies at Peace Arch Hospital. Only 2-4 vasectomies are performed per week because of lack of surgical daycare resources. Current wait list for MSP covered vasectomies is 9 months.

Patients who are interested in this Rapid Access Vasectomy Clinic will be seen promptly and procedure booked likely within 1-3 weeks. To see Dr Kwan prior to Vasectomy in his office will require a referral from the family doctor. If you are absolutely certain you want a vasectomy then you can contact the office directly at 604.536.1801 to book a Rapid Access Private Vasectomy and in this case a referral will not be needed. Dr Kwan will call you to discuss the risks and complications prior to the Vasectomy.

Vasectomy information

-considered a permanent method of birth control although reversals are possible (expensive and don't always work)

-Vasectomy Information

- 1. Post vasectomy pain syndrome. 1/200 or 1/300 men who get vasectomy. Rare but hard to predict who may get it. If there is pre-existing testicular pain that is chronic then vasectomy should not be performed and alternatives such as IUD should be considered**
- 2. Scrotal hematoma. 1/75. Most hematomas will resolve spontaneously but can take 4-6weeks. Should this occur, you could be walking "bow-legged" for this entire time. Scrotal bruising can occur. Rarely surgical drainage is needed.**
- 3. Infection. Extremely rare. 1/100. Please do not sit in a bath or hot tub for 14 days or until the wound is completely closed.**

- 4. Semen analysis at 3-4 months after vasectomy is needed to confirm success of procedure. Regular birth control methods needs to continue until semen analysis reveals no sperm.**
- 5. Post operative pain. Most men are sore for 7-10 days. Some could have discomfort lasting longer. No sexual activity, heavy lifting or strenuous physical activity for 7 days. Advil and Tylenol are all that is needed for analgesia. Wearing tight supportive underwear (2 pair works even better) helps with pain. Pts with sedentary jobs often return to work sooner.**
- 6. Ice pack (bag of frozen peas works well) the first day can be very helpful.**
- 7. Please shave the scrotum 1-2 days prior to procedure. We don't want hairs touching the incision.**
- 8. Please have cleansing shower prior to procedure. In addition to decreasing risk of infection, a warm shower or bath prior will "relax" the scrotal skin and allow for an easier procedure and recovery.**
- 9. Everyone's postoperative course is different. Most common concerns post procedure is swelling and prolonged discomfort. The vast majority of these problems will resolve spontaneously. However if things are not improving week to week, please feel free to contact my office at 604.536.1801.**
- 10. A small proportion of patients become vasovagal during and after the procedure. For this reason it is always recommended that you arrange a ride home after the procedure.**
- 11. I perform open ended vasectomy with fascial interposition. A single metallic clip is also used to secure the abdominal end of the vas.**