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## Retrograde ejaculation

## PATIENT PREPARATION

- You should abstain from ejaculation (masturbation or sex) for a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 3 days prior to collection of the post-ejaculatory urine.
- You will begin taking bicarbonate buffer tablets by mouth every 6 hour starting the day before your appointment at the Fertility & IVF Center of Miami.

## Please follow this schedule:

6:00 a.m.-Take one tablet (650 mg) of sodium bicarbonate by mouth 12:00 p.m.- Take one tablet (650 mg) of sodium bicarbonate by mouth 6:00 p.m.- Take one tablet (650 mg) of sodium bicarbonate by mouth 12:00 a.m.- Take one tablet (650 mg) of sodium bicarbonate by mouth 6:00 a.m.- Take one tablet (650 mg) of sodium bicarbonate by mouth

## ON THE DAY OF APPOINTMENT AT THE FERTILITY & IVF CENTER OF MIAMI

- 1. Urinate approximately 1 hour prior to your scheduled appointment.
- 2. First, you will masturbate and collect your semen sample in the provided cup.
- 3. Next, you will urinate into a separate collection cup and deliver both collection cups to the laboratory.