



Vasectomy

A vasectomy is a male sterilization procedure where the tubes that carry sperm to the urethra (vas deferens) are cut and sealed to prevent the release of sperm. The procedure is done in a doctor's office under local anesthesia.

After the vasectomy, there will be some swelling and soreness for several days. Ice packs and pain medication can be used to relieve the pain and swelling. The man can have intercourse as soon as he feels comfortable but he will not be sterile for 1-3 months. Birth control is recommended until his semen analysis shows no sperm.

After a vasectomy, a man's sexual function does not change. He can still have an erection and ejaculate. There is no difference in the amount of fluid ejaculated. There are no proven risks to the man after a vasectomy.