

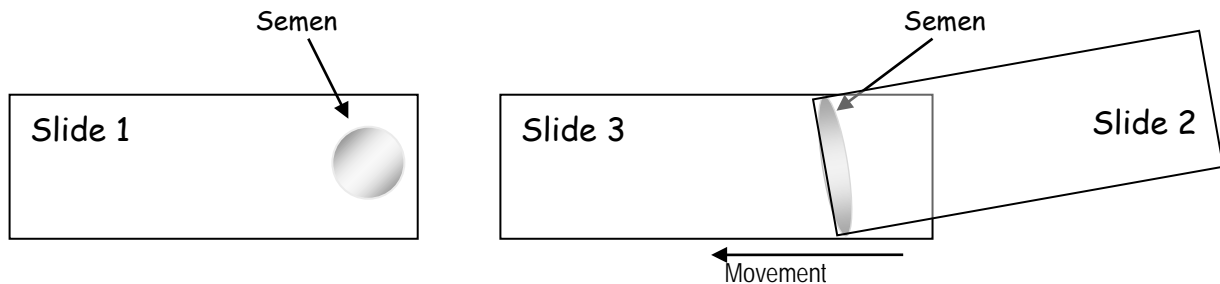
Instruction sperm samples, morphological investigation

Sampling box has to contain:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carefully completed referral 	Animal name, no, breed, age, anamnesis with fertility statistics and results of clinical - andrological investigation. Do not forget the volume and motility of the ejaculate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test tube with semen 	Raw semen used for determination of the concentration. At larger quantities add about 1-8 ml of the well mixed ejaculate to the bigger tube.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellermann tube 	The tube contains formol-saline - buffered formalin solution. Should not be too old before use. The temperature in the solution should be nearly the same as the collected sample, not fridge temperature. Drip 4-5 drips of raw semen in the tube – the liquid will be slightly smoky. Add more if the sperm concentration is very low. Used in wet preparations for examination of the whole sperm cell morphology.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides with smears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 pieces, smooth smears, for investigation of the morphology of the sperm head. 2 pieces, smear with ridges, for investigation of other cellular admixture, mostly leucocytes. OBS! Write identity of the animal (on a small part of the writing field).

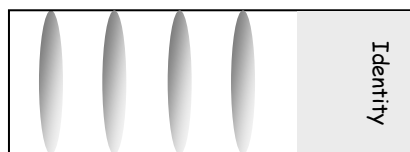
Technique for smooth smears:

You need 3 slides. Put a drip of the ejaculate on slide no 1. Dip both corners of the slide no 2 in the drip on slide no 1 and put it against slide no 3 (the sample slide) in an angle of 45°. Let the semen float along the short end of slide no 2 with the drip behind it. Perform with a slowly movement and slightly pressure. Do two more smears and vary the amount of smears. Let the smears dry on a flat surface. Look in a microscope to see if the smears are good and thin/thick enough.



Technique for smears with ridges:

The above described technique is not suitable for investigation of other cellular admixture because the cells have a tendency to float above the sperm layer and "fall off" the edges of the slide. Drip the short end of slide no 2 on the short end of slide no 1, put it on a new slide and make a smear some mm, lift slide no 2 a few mm and do a new ridge. 3-4 ridges are needed.



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