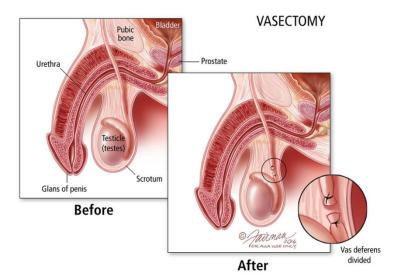
Office Vasectomy

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A vasectomy is a simple, safe procedure that makes a man sterile (unable to father a child). A vasectomy blocks sperm from reaching the semen. After a vasectomy, the testes still make sperm, but the sperm are absorbed by the body. Although a vasectomy can often be reversed, **you should a consider vasectomy to be a permanent procedure**.

Dr. Davenport's vasectomy usually **takes about 15 minutes**, and most men heal fully in less than a week. Many men are able to return to work as early as two days after the procedure if their job does not require much exertion.



Dr. Davenport's Vasectomy

Dr. Davenport performs a vasectomy under sedation through **one single small incision** in the middle of the scrotum. Each vas deferens is located through the incision, and a small piece is removed after placing small surgical clips. Cautery is used to cut each vas deferens for another layer of protection. The small incision is **closed with dissolvable sutures.** You will need to bring a jock strap to your appointment, and you will need to wear it home.

Before Your Vasectomy

- <u>DO NOT</u> take Aspirin, NSAIDS, Plavix, Coumadin, Eliquis, Xarelto, Pradaxa, or any other blood thinners 7 days prior to vasectomy
- Shower, clean, and shave your scrotum well just before appt.
- Purchase <u>a jock strap or TIGHT compression shorts</u> on and assure that it fits snugly before appt. (you do not need a cup with the jock strap)

After Your Vasectomy

- You will get a prescription for **antibiotics and pain medicine**.
- You will need a ride home. Go immediately home and lie down.
- Stay in a lying down position (sofa or bed) all of that day and most of the next day. You may get up and move around some.
- Place an **ice pack on top of the jock strap**. Ice on and off for 2 days. Wear your jock strap for at least a week after vasectomy.
- No heavy lifting, strenuous exercise, sex, swimming, or submersion in water for at least 7 days.

Post Vasectomy Semen Testing

You will receive a specimen cup and instructions on how to submit a semen sample. This needs to be done 3 months after vasectomy. You will need to ejaculate 15-20 times prior to giving this specimen. Have the specimen at the lab no more than 60 minutes after collecting. The semen specimen must be kept warm (in a pocket, close to your body, etc). You must use an alternate form of birth control until you receive a letter from Dr. Davenport stating that you are considered infertile.

What To Expect After Your Vasectomy

Minor **BLEEDING** from the incision.

BRUISING of penis, scrotum, or thighs for about a week.

Mild to moderate PAIN and SWELLING is expected. Take your prescribed pain medicine as needed. Do not take Aspirin, NSAIDS, or other blood thinners in the first 72 hours after your vasectomy, or if you are still bleeding.

Your brown stitches will dissolve on their own. You may cut them out with some sewing scissors on day 7 if not out yet.

Risks

- Bleeding or hematoma (blood collection) in scrotum
- Inflammation, swelling, or infection of scrotum
- Congestion (sperm buildup in testes). May cause soreness.
- Epididymitis or long-term soreness
- Sperm granuloma (painful lump in the scrotum)
- Failure to achieve sterility (extremely rare)
- Repeat operation (extremely rare)
- Injury or loss of testicle (extremely rare)

Call Office Or Seek Medical Attention If:

- Fever over 101.5 that does not come down with Tylenol
- Severe or increasing pain. swelling, or excessive bleeding

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