

# VasectomyCenter – Seattle \* Eastside

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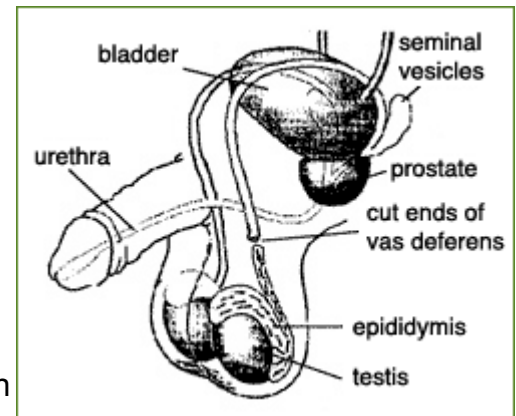
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## No-Needle No-Scalpel Procedure

A Vasectomy is a surgical procedure intended to cause sterility. It has become increasingly more popular over the last decade with more than 500,000 men in the U.S. choosing the procedure every year. The option is particularly well suited for those who have completed their families or who do not want to have biological children.

Its popularity can be attributed to several factors. One of the most important is that it's safe and nearly 100-percent effective without limiting the sexual experience of either partner. The procedure is also relatively painless and costs less than other forms of permanent birth control. It is usually covered by insurance. Compared to a tubal ligation in a woman, vasectomy offers more effective results, less discomfort, shorter procedure times, faster recovery periods and fewer complications.

A vasectomy prevents sperm from becoming part of the semen, the fluid ejaculated from the penis during sex. Sperm are produced in the testes and pass through thin tubes called vas deferens. A vasectomy usually entails the sealing or removal of a tiny section of each tube (vas deferens) which results in the blockage of the flow of sperm. No glands or organs are removed and hormone production remains unaltered. Sperm continue to be produced but are absorbed by the body. Aside from the blockage of sperm, the vasectomy has no effect on a man's sexuality, sexual function or sexual experience, including erections, ejaculations or semen.



The No-Scalpel, No-Needle Vasectomy is a superior approach to the more traditional surgical vasectomy. After the skin is numbed without a needle, a very small single pin-point opening is made in the midline of the scrotum. Through this a small grasping forceps is passed to reach each vas deferens. Each vas is then cut and cauterized which essentially welds each end closed. This is usually done without the use of sutures, stitches or other foreign bodies.

Vasectomy is not immediately effective because there are still sperm "downstream" in the vas deferens. It takes a number of ejaculations over a period of at least six to ten weeks to eliminate the sperm. Until a semen analysis shows there are no remaining sperm, another form of birth control must be used. Vasectomies are almost 100 percent effective but there is a failure rate of about 1 in 3000 patients.

**To learn more about the No-Needle, No-Scalpel vasectomy and whether it is right for you, please contact us at (425) 394-0773.**