

## PA19 Gamete Storage Prior Approval Policy

<b>Pathway</b>	
Gamete Storage	
<b>Commissioned</b>	
Gamete storage will be funded in a patient requiring <b>NHS</b> treatment likely to result in reduced fertility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In men up to the age of 45 years</li> <li>In women up to the age of 38 years</li> </ul>	
The duration of funding for gamete storage will be as follows, whichever comes first:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Until fertility is restored</li> <li>The man reaches the age of 55</li> <li>The woman reaches the age of 42</li> <li>For 10 years from retrieval</li> <li>Until the death of the man or woman</li> </ul>	
<b>Notes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consultant responsible for the care likely to result in impaired fertility (usually an oncologist or haematologist) will be required to submit a funding request for each patient.</li> <li>On confirmation of funding, the responsible consultant can arrange gamete harvest and submit the specimen for storage at Care (Northampton) or Bourne Hall (Cambridge), or any appropriate provider at their discretion.</li> <li>The CCG will write to the patient's GP on an annual basis for an update on their health. On receipt of a report the CCG will write to the patient requesting confirmation that they wish storage to continue.</li> <li>Should the patient wish to establish their fertility, they should approach their GP for a fertility test.</li> <li>Patients who wish to continue storage of their gametes beyond the NHS age criteria may do so privately.</li> </ul>	
<b>Not Funded</b>	
Treatments such as super-ovulation and associated techniques will not be funded as these are considered experimental and their clinical efficacy is at present unclear.	
<b>Cohort</b>	
Adults and children from the age of sexual maturity.	
<b>Equality</b>	
Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.	
<b>Status</b>	
<b>AMBER</b> as defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.	
<b>Version History</b>	
Oocyte storage up until age 42 years.	

## PA19 Gamete Storage Prior Approval Policy

<b>Authorised</b>	
November 2019	
<b>Review</b>	
November 2024 Earlier if new evidence published by NICE or other authoritative body.	