



Association of Biomedical Andrologists

TRAINING APPLICATION FORM

I would like to apply for a place on:

	Cost
Module 1: Diagnostic Semen Analysis	£500
Module 2: Sperm Preparation for Diagnosis or Therapeutic Intervention	£250
Module 3: Sperm Cryopreservation in Assisted Reproduction	£250

I understand that ABA must receive **payment in full** before I can participate, please find enclosed

- a cheque to cover the course fee
- an order form for an invoice to be returned

I am a current member of ABA and my membership number is.....

Name:.....

Current Position:.....

Address:.....

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E-mail:.....

Telephone Number:.....

Signed..... Date.....



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COURSE SUPERVISION

All trainees on any of the ABA courses are required to nominate a supervisor. Ideally supervisors should have:

- A degree, or equivalent, qualification.
- At least 5 years relevant experience.
- Attendance at a recognised andrology training course.

However, this list is only guidance and the ABA committee will consider the suitability of each supervisor on their merits. **Therefore we ask that a 2-page CV for prospective supervisors be enclosed.**

All trainees will also have to have the support of their line manager, who may be different to their supervisor before undertaking any of the ABA courses.

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SUPERVISOR:

I agree that I am prepared to act as a supervisor for

..... whilst they undertake the ABA
module:.....

I agree to ensure that the equipment/consumables will be made available for training purposes

(see attached list of equipment and consumables required for each training course).

Where appropriate, I agree to provide time for the trainee to complete aspects of this logbook during their normal working hours.

Signed..... Date.....

Name:.....

Current Position / Job Title:.....

Address:.....

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E-mail:.....

Telephone Number:.....



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TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR LINE MANAGER:

If the supervisor is not the line manager then the line manager will need to agree to support the supervisor and trainee in the completion of the ABA training module being undertaken.

I agree that I am prepared to support and their supervisor in undertaking this ABA training module.

I agree to ensure that the equipment/consumables will be made available for training purposes (see attached list of equipment and consumables required for each training course). Where appropriate, I agree to provide time for the trainee to complete aspects of this logbook during their normal working hours.

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RISK ASSOCIATED WITH TRAINING

Before the trainee commences this logbook, please ensure that the supervisor and line-manager has considered the risk associated with training. It is recommended that a formal risk assessment is carried out. Regulations permit the storage and use of clinical material for training purposes or validation of method (see RCPATH guidance on the use of clinical samples retained in the pathology laboratory, 2007 (1) and the HFE Act 2008 (2) and should be cited within any risk assessment. In addition, attention must also be paid to local institutional policy with respect to patient confidentiality throughout the training period. Lastly, care and attention must be paid to good laboratory practice (GLP) and sterile technique in order to minimise the risk of cross contamination, misidentification of specimens and staff safety. With specific reference to cryopreservation, trainees are asked to examine local guidance on the use of liquid nitrogen, particularly with regard to the risk of burns, asphyxiation and explosion.

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR / LINE MANAGER:

Confirmation of Risk Assessment

I acknowledge that risks associated with this training have been formally assessed and that it is the responsibility of the host institution to ensure that appropriate controls are implemented.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Position _____

Address:.....

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E-mail:.....

Telephone Number:.....

Please return completed forms plus payment of invoice details to: Dr Kate Whittington, University of Bristol, Dorothy Hodgkin Building, Whitson Street, Bristol, BS1 3NY



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Module 1: Diagnostic Semen Analysis

Equipment Inventory

- Phase contrast microscope with x20 x40 phase objective and x100 oil immersion (bright field) – preferably with eyepiece graticule
- Heated microscope stage
- Positive displacement pipette (to pipette a minimum 50µl)
- Air displacement pipettes covering volumes up to 1ml
- Vortex mixer
- Counter (bench-top multichannel mechanical or electronic)
- Haemocytometers (improved Neubauer)
- Two from three of the following chambers: Horwell, Makler, Microcell/Leja slide
- Humidified chamber (container with lid containing wet tissue)

Consumables

- Dilution tubes (up to 1ml) for sperm concentration
- Glass slides (frosted end)
- 22x22mm cover slips (wet preparation and motility)
- 22x50mm cover slips (morphology)
- Sperm diluent (WHO, 2010 (3))



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Module 2: Sperm Preparation for Diagnosis or Therapeutic Intervention

Equipment Inventory

- Phase contrast microscope with x20 x40 phase objective and x100 oil immersion (bright field)
- Heated microscope stage
- Positive displacement pipette (to pipette a minimum 50µl)
- Air displacement pipettes covering volumes up to 1ml
- Vortex mixer
- Counter (bench-top multichannel mechanical or electronic)
- Haemocytometers (improved Neubauer)
- Two from three of the following chambers: Horwell, Makler, Microcell/Leja slide
- Humidified chamber (container with lid containing wet tissue)

Consumables

- Dilution tubes (up to 1ml) for sperm concentration
- Glass slides (frosted end)
- 22x22mm cover slips (wet preparation and motility)
- 22x50mm cover slips (morphology)
- Sperm diluent (WHO, 2010 (3))



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Module 3: Sperm Cryopreservation in Assisted Reproduction

Equipment Inventory

- Phase contrast microscope with x20 x40 phase objective and x100 oil immersion (bright field)
- Heated microscope stage
- Positive displacement pipette (to pipette a minimum 50µl)
- Air displacement pipettes covering volumes up 1ml
- Vortex mixer
- Counter (bench-top multichannel mechanical or electronic)
- Haemocytometers (improved Neubauer)
- Two from three of the following chambers: Horwell, Makler, Microcell/Leja slide
- Humidified chamber (container with lid containing wet tissue)

Consumables

- Dilution tubes (up to 1ml) for sperm concentration
- Glass slides (frosted end)
- 22x22mm cover slips (wet preparation and motility)
- 22x50mm cover slips (morphology)
- Sperm diluent (WHO, 2010 (3))

References

- 1) <http://www.rcpath.org/resources/pdf/G035GuidanceUseofClinicalSamplesSept07.pdf>
- 2) http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2008/ukpga_20080022_en_1
- 3) WHO Laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen. 5th edition.