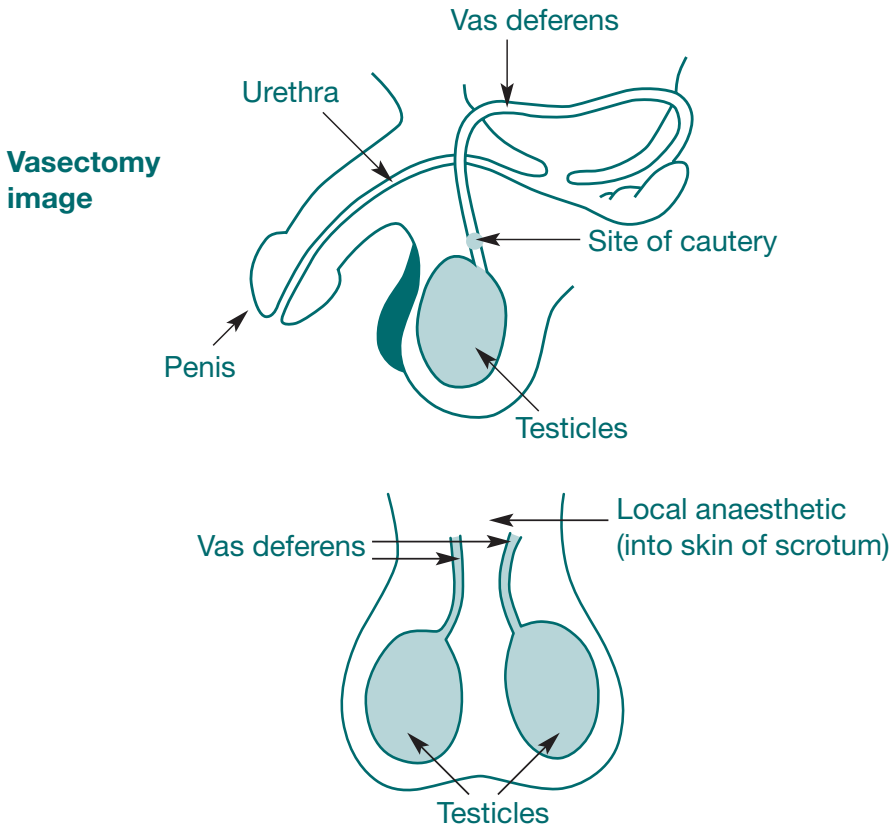


How is a vasectomy performed?

This image shows how a vasectomy is performed.



The sperm carrying tubes are called the Vas deferens and these tubes come from a man's testicles. When a vasectomy is performed the Vas deferens are sealed to stop the sperms getting through. This does not affect the ejaculate fluid in any way, as this comes from another area.

A fast acting local anaesthetic is given, which quickly numbs the area. At Marie Stopes International centres a cauteriy technique is used. The incision to locate the vas deferens is very tiny and no scalpel or stitches are needed, except in very rare cases. The vasectomy procedure takes about 10-15 minutes to perform.

After a vasectomy the testicles will continue to produce sperm as normal, but it cannot enter the tubes and is simply reabsorbed into the body.