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Basic Semen Examination – Outline of What is New in the 6th Edition of the WHO Manual



History of the Manual

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The recommendations in the revised, 6th edition of the WHO manual on semen examination have been slightly changed. One aspect has been to rearrange into more practical step-by-step instructions by changing order and relocating background information and explanations from the text describing the flow of examination steps. Furthermore, some "traditional" but less evidence based assessments have been moved to "extended" examination due to questioned clinical value. This allows more focus on the four basic characteristics: concentration, motility, vitality and morphology. Also concerning these examinations, more focus has been on evidence based efficiency in laboratory work. Finally, the relation between the 6th WHO edition and the simultaneously published ISO standard 23162:2021 is explained.



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