

# Facts & fallacies about vasectomies

A vasectomy is a safe and easy surgical procedure that can be done in about 30 minutes under local anesthesia.

The procedure involves the surgical removal of part of, or blockage of, the vas deferens or sperm duct.



Some common misconceptions make many men reluctant to consider a vasectomy. Having a vasectomy does not lower your sex drive, leave you impotent, or cause hardening of the arteries. And a vasectomy won't reduce pleasurable sensations during sex.

## If you're considering a vasectomy:

- Consult a urologist who specializes in genitourinary surgery.
- Make sure all your questions are answered satisfactorily.
- Think the matter over carefully before you take action.

