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Donor Oocyte IVF: What Your Patients Can Expect

The number of donor oocyte IVF cycles performed at Carolina Conceptions continues to increase each year with nearly 60 cycles performed in 2009. Below are some of the questions frequently asked by both our patients and their referring physicians. Find more details by visiting our website at www.carolinaconceptions.com which also includes educational resources, success rates, pricing and our most current list of anonymous egg donors.

Is there an age cut off?

There are a variety of circumstances that make donor oocytes the most viable option for some patients. Advance maternal age is probably the most common. Women over 42 are at an increased risk for poor egg quality and are among the prime candidates for the recommendation of using donor oocytes. The physicians at Carolina Conceptions will consider the viability of treatment based on each individual but generally they will not recommend this course of treatment for patients over the age of 48.

How much does it cost?

Donor egg IVF is the most expensive treatment option available at Carolina Conceptions. Patients can incur costs up to \$18,000 plus medications to cover tests and treatments associated with both the donor and recipient. However, we do offer financial options such as our Shared Success Program for Recipients which allows patients to purchase a discounted package rate. The package includes 1 fresh and unlimited frozen attempts and guarantees a refund of 70% back if a live birth is not achieved. Another creative option is embryo adoption which is about a quarter of the price of donor egg IVF.

Can patients split donors?

Yes. It may require a slightly longer wait as the coordinator closely matches patients who are similarly suited for the same donor. It allows patients to take advantage of the statistical success of the donor program at a deeply discounted price, however it reduces the number of potential embryos and as such the opportunity to freeze for later use.

What are the success rates?

In 2009, the live birth rate per embryo transfer procedure for donor eggs at Carolina Conceptions was 61.4%.

What is the process?

1. Potential recipients consult with one of our physicians
2. Lab screens are performed on both partners (HIV, Hepatitis, etc.)
3. Psychological evaluation (recommended for known donors)
4. Uterine evaluation for recipient
5. Donor match coordination (based on physical/genetic characteristics and couple's wishes)

6. Recipient and donor start medications to synchronize cycles
7. Donor retrieval
8. Recipient transfer

Overall, a donor egg IVF cycle can take anywhere from 2-5 months to complete depending on how long it takes to make a donor match. Residual frozen donor IVF cycles can be completed right away and take the same amount of time as a traditional frozen embryo transfer (approximately 6 weeks).

What are the criteria for egg donation?

All potential egg donors must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 19 and 32
- Possess outstanding physical and emotional health (donor must pass medical and psychological evaluations)
- Be non-smokers and refrain from using recreational drugs
- Carry no known genetic disorders
- Ineligible after 6 donations

Donors who qualify are compensated \$3,000 per completed cycle.

News

NEW! TUBAL REVERSAL IVF DISCOUNT

In an effort to better serve your patients considering tubal reversal, Carolina Conceptions will now offer a significant discount to those considering IVF as an alternative. The discounted IVF rate is \$5,000 and includes monitoring! Other benefits of IVF over tubal reversal include a reduced risk for an ectopic pregnancy, shorter recovery time, high success rates, no re-sterilization, and optional correction of male factor infertility.

New Practice Manager – Nikki Duncan

Please welcome our new practice manager, Nikki Duncan. While this is a new role for Nikki she has been a valued member of the Carolina Conceptions team since the practice's opening in 2006. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in BioMedical Science and previously served Carolina Conceptions as the Andrology Lab Manager. Nikki is excited about her new role and looks forward to further enhancing the quality of care provided to both our patients and the referring community. Please feel free to contact Nikki at any time with questions, concerns or feedback at nikki.duncan@carolinaconceptions.com or at (919) 782-5911 ext 105.

About Us: Carolina Conceptions is the fastest growing infertility center in the southeast and is the only private practice of its kind in the Triangle area where all doctors are board certified in both OB/GYN and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. The physicians share more than 45 years experience in the infertility field and have achieved some of the highest success rates in both the region and country. The practice offers a fully comprehensive range of treatment options along with a highly trained staff who are dedicated to delivering friendly and compassionate care.