



Egg vitrification is a new technology. Additional studies are needed, but early reports hold great promise. For this reason, if a woman has a partner or is willing to use donor sperm, it is preferable to undergo embryo freezing, as this process has been successfully used in human reproductive medicine for many years. However there is no guarantee that, when thawed, eggs or embryos will be viable and able to produce a pregnancy.



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Chemotherapy and radiation can damage eggs or sperm and possibly render a patient infertile. Freezing a woman's eggs, or embryos created with sperm from her partner or an anonymous donor, allows her the chance to have a genetic child in the future.



The physicians and staff are dedicated leaders in the field of reproduction. **We understand the time constraints and emotional stress of patients facing cancer treatment**, as well as the concern over the potential negative impact on future fertility. We offer expedited, compassionate care at a discounted rate for egg or embryo freezing prior to cancer treatment.

Who is a candidate for these procedures?

- Women up to the age of 40 who do not have a partner and prefer not to use donor sperm. **Patients must have medical clearance from their oncologists** to use injectable fertility medications and to undergo the egg retrieval procedure.
- Women up to the age of 40 who wish to use the sperm of a partner or a donor. These women must also have clearance from their oncologists.
- All women going through egg or embryo freezing must be **willing to take daily injections** and attend frequent office appointments for approximately two weeks before starting cancer treatment.

What if I am interested in starting a cycle?

- **Contact your oncologist** to inquire if it is medically appropriate for you to undergo IVF prior to cancer treatment. If so, your oncologist must write a medical clearance letter for you to undergo the procedure. We are available to them at any time to answer questions regarding your treatment.
- **Call to make an appointment** with one of our physicians, and let us know you are interested in fertility preservation prior to cancer treatment. You will have the opportunity to see a physician generally within days.
- **Bring your medical clearance letter and medical records** with you to your initial appointment. Your physician will review the entire process with you, as well as other options, such as donor services.

- Following the initial consultation, a specialized nurse will guide you through the process. You may also speak with our staff psychologist any time you feel you could use some extra support.
- Following egg retrieval, your eggs or embryos will be frozen and stored **until you are ready to use them.**

What if I'm ready to get pregnant?

- Provide **a letter of medical clearance from your oncologist** ensuring you are healthy, able to use fertility medications, and ready to carry a pregnancy. Some patients may be unable or advised not to carry a pregnancy following cancer treatment.
- **Schedule an appointment with our physicians** to review the process of frozen embryo transfer.
- **Begin taking medicine** to prepare your uterus for pregnancy. If you had previously frozen eggs, rather than embryos, you may use sperm from either a current partner or a donor to fertilize the eggs.
- At the appropriate time, **the embryos will be transferred into your uterus.** Should the treatment result in pregnancy, your physician will transfer your care to the obstetrician who will deliver your baby.

We look forward to helping you reach your family-building goals by providing safe and successful medical treatment in an expedited and compassionate manner.



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