

IVF NEWS

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OUTSTANDING PREGNANCY RATES AND ZERO HIGH ORDER PREGNANCIES IN 2003

As we look forward to 2004 we rejoice on our patients who conceived throughout the previous year. Once again, our program's philosophy to individualized and friendly patient care was key to excellent pregnancy results and great patient satisfaction.



Patient Age (No. of Embryo Transfers)	Pregnancy Rate per Transfer*
<35 (46)	43.5 %
35-37 (36)	33.3 %
38-40 (20)	35.0 %
41-42 (5)	20.0 %
Ovum Donation (23)	65.2 %
PGD (6)	50.0 %
Frozen Embryos (9)	33.3 %

(*Delivered and ongoing viable pregnancies)

These results are the product of a thorough and dedicated team approach to infertility therapy. A very rewarding fact for 2003 is that the vast majority of pregnancies were singletons (71%), 29% were twins and there were no triplets or quadruplets (0%).

CLINICAL IVF TRIAL ALLOWS ACCESS TO TREATMENT

A research study on individualized mild ovarian stimulation protocols for IVF is under way. This clinical trial offers the possibility of undergoing IVF treatment with significant savings. Patients who meet the study criteria can undertake treatment for \$6,500; this represents over \$5,500 of savings. The study provides high quality medications, stimulation monitoring and ICSI if required in cases of male factor infertility. Preliminary results have shown a viable pregnancy rate of 45.4% per cycle started. In addition, almost 50% of the patients so far have had additional embryos for freezing. For information on enrollment please contact our offices at 1-866-246-CARE, or 954-584-2273; you can also e-mail us at: info@care-life.com, or visit our website: www.care-life.com

FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR: MARCH 20, 2004

Our Spring 2004 patient educational seminar is scheduled for **Saturday, March 20th, 2004 (10:00 am)** at the Westin Diplomat Spa and Resort in Hollywood. At this event, in an informal setting, couples will have the opportunity to learn about the general causes of infertility, various treatment options and success rates, the latest advances in In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD), the role of genetics in reproduction, genetic testing and counseling, as well as the latest advances in minimally invasive surgery. **Please RSVP by March 17th at 1-866-246-CARE, you can also sign up at info@care-life.com.** **SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION WITHIN 45 DAYS.**

PGD EMBRYO SCREENING DETECTS CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES

Multiple studies have shown that embryos with good physical appearance can have chromosomal abnormalities. In women under 35, at least one third of the embryos can have abnormal chromosome numbers and in patients of advanced maternal age as many as 50% of the embryos can be chromosomally abnormal. PGD can determine which embryos are chromosomally normal prior to their transfer back into the uterine cavity. This procedure improves the chances of carrying a pregnancy to term and significantly reduces the chance of having a baby with abnormal chromosomal conditions such as Down Syndrome.



ICSI FOR SEVERE MALE FACTOR INFERTILITY RESULTS IN HIGH PREGNANCY RATES

ICSI, a procedure which involves the injection of a single sperm cell into the egg provides the opportunity to father biological offspring for men who are unable to fertilize naturally due to sub-optimal sperm count or quality. Success rates with ICSI for the past two years at our center are shown below:



Patient Age (No. of Embryo Transfers)	Pregnancy Rate per Transfer*
<35 (67)	52.2 %
35-37 (42)	36.0 %
38-42 (30)	37.0 %
Overall (139)	44.0 %

(*Delivered and ongoing viable pregnancies)

MULTIPLE FINANCIAL OPTIONS FOR IVF

Quite often insurance benefits are not sufficient to cover infertility therapy. Our center can help you maximize such benefits. We have developed flexible financial options to facilitate access to treatment. **Our most popular financial program IVF CARE (\$6,990)** covers the costs of an IVF treatment cycle (without medications). We were first to offer an **IVF REFUND PROGRAM** in South Florida. For additional information please contact our financial advisors at 1-866-246-CARE.

NEW CARE-LIFE FACILITIES UNDERWAY



Located at 201 North Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL, 33324, our new AHCA approved facility will be ready by mid-2004. With over 10,000 square feet and equipped with the latest in advanced micro-surgery, laparoscopy and hysteroscopy. This fully staffed fertility and genetics center will also have the state of the art assisted reproduction laboratories. We look forward to seeing you there this fall, you can also visit us at www.care-life.com.



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