

## Privately Funded Treatment

Some patients, whether eligible or not for NHS funded treatment may choose to fund their treatment privately. Treatments available on a private basis in the RFC are IVF, ICSI and FET. See price list for full range of services available, including embryo re-freezing. After the decision on treatment has been agreed with your Consultant you can arrange your treatment.

### How to Arrange Treatment

When you wish to arrange your treatment please contact administration staff on 028 9063 5888 option 1 between 9am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

You will be offered the next available blood screening appointment (if required) and the next available Pre Treatment Consultation (PTC) appointment with a fertility nurse.

Your treatment will be planned at this appointment and you can expect to commence your treatment with your next menstrual period.

Please note that if you are also on the NHS treatment waiting list, please check the approximate waiting time with the administration team before you book your private treatment as private appointments cannot be converted to NHS after booking.

**The treatment course begins with a powerful hormone so couples should use a simple non – hormonal method of contraception from the start of your next period until 14 days after embryo transfer.**

### How to Arrange Treatment at a Later Date

As above, however:

- If it is more than 12 months after the consultation in which treatment consent was obtained you may require a further appointment before treatment can be arranged.
- If you have undergone fertility treatment elsewhere since your consultation in RFC you will be asked to provide a written summary of that treatment. This summary will be reviewed by your Consultant and then your PTC appointment can be booked.

**If information is only disclosed at PTC we cannot proceed with the appointment and a cancellation charge will be applied.**

### Paying for your Treatment

Please see separate price list for current treatment costs.

We will contact you approximately 1-2 weeks before your Pre Treatment Consultation appointment to advise of drug costs and to obtain payment. Payment for treatment and drugs is by credit/debit card. Payment of medical fees is separate and should be by cheque / bankers draft made payable to "Practice Account" for the amount on your invoice and should be posted to us 2 weeks before the date of your appointment.

**If we are unable to obtain payment, then your appointments will be cancelled and a cancellation fee may be incurred.**

**Cancellation** -If you cancel your treatment after making a payment, any refund will be subject to a cancellation fee.

### FET following 'Freeze All' IVF/ICSI cycle

If you did not have your embryos replaced in a privately funded IVF/ICSI treatment cycle due to 'freeze all', you will not be charged for your FET cycle, however, you are required to pay for your drugs. If you have any unopened, unexpired Gels from the previous cycle of treatment at RFC you must inform administration staff at time of booking your PTC appointment if you wish these to be deducted from your prescription. Amendments cannot be made once invoice is issued.