



Assisted Human
Reproduction
Services
Consent Booklet

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How to complete this Consent Form

There are three parts in this consent form which the HSE requires both of you to read before signing.

1. **Part One** provides you both with a description of the Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) Service, what is included, what is not included and some requirements of this publicly funded service.
2. **Part Two** provides you with a list of HSE-approved private AHR Clinics and their locations. You will be asked to pick your top three preferred options.
3. **Part Three** will seek the written confirmation from you both that
 - ▶ you have read and understood how the service will work,
 - ▶ you will abide by the requirements of the service and
 - ▶ that you both consent to a referral being made to one of your preferred AHR Clinics and your clinical notes and history being shared with that provider.



Part 1:

Description of Service

Introduction

You and your partner have now been identified as requiring Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) treatment (IUI or IVF or ICSI) and have also been confirmed as meeting the access criteria for this treatment to be paid for by the HSE.

The treatment will be provided by a HSE-approved private provider. You can choose which private provider you would like the HSE to refer you to for this care.

The HSE has defined the key elements of care that must be provided to you based on the care you are being referred for. Please see below brief descriptions of what is included and what is not included as part of this service.

You will not need to pay for this AHR treatment.

The Reproductive Medicine Consultant in the Regional Fertility Hub you attended will have recommended the AHR treatment that is best for your fertility journey – whether this is IUI, IVF or ICSI.

Once a referral has been made for you, if you have any further specific queries regarding your AHR treatment, you can ask your chosen AHR Clinic. They will be providing you with further detailed information about your care and will also answer any questions you may have.

IUI Treatment

If you require IUI treatment, you will be referred for either one, two or three cycles of IUI. The number of cycles that you need will have been discussed with you. Your chosen AHR Clinic will provide the following for each IUI cycle that you are referred for:

- ▶ Pre-treatment consultation service including information about your treatment;
- ▶ A consent process that covers all elements of your treatment;
- ▶ Management and organisation of your IUI treatment plan including prescribing any medicines you may need;
- ▶ Provision of all required ultrasound scans that your treatment needs;
- ▶ Sperm collection, processing and preparation;
- ▶ IUI procedure itself;
- ▶ Pregnancy blood test(s) after two weeks;
- ▶ Pregnancy scan after 7 – 8 weeks if indicated as required; and
- ▶ For the duration of your IUI treatment, up to your discharge from their care, dealing with any queries you may have related to your treatment.

It is important to note that if, for whatever reason, your IUI cycles do not result in a pregnancy you will be reviewed again by the fertility team in the Regional Fertility Hub. Upon review of your case and in consultation with you and your partner, the team can then refer you again to your chosen provider for IVF treatment.

IVF/ICSI Treatment

If you require IVF/ICSI treatment, you will be referred for one cycle of treatment. This will have been discussed with you. Your chosen AHR Clinic will provide the following for the IVF/ ICSI cycle that you are referred for:

- ▶ Pre-treatment consultation service including information about your treatment;
- ▶ A consent process that covers all elements of your treatment;
- ▶ Management and organisation of your IVF/ICSI treatment plan including prescribing any medicines you may need;
- ▶ Provision of all required ultrasound scans that your treatment needs;
- ▶ Provision of required clinical and laboratory procedures including egg retrieval, required lab techniques, collection of sperm, fertilisation and culturing of any resultant embryos up to day 6;
- ▶ One fresh embryo transfer;
- ▶ Storage of any remaining embryos of suitable quality;
- ▶ Pregnancy test(s) after two weeks;
- ▶ Pregnancy scan after 7 – 8 weeks if indicated as required; and
- ▶ For the duration of your treatment, up to your discharge from their care, dealing with any queries you may have related to your treatment.

It is important to note that if the fresh embryo transfer does not result in a pregnancy, your cycle of treatment also includes the transfer of any remaining embryos that your AHR Clinic may have stored for you (until such time as you have a successful pregnancy). Each of these treatments are known as frozen embryo transfer (FET) procedures.

FET procedures will include the following elements of care:

- ▶ Pre-treatment consultation service including information about your treatment;
- ▶ A consent process that covers all elements of your treatment;
- ▶ Management and organisation of FET treatment plan including prescribing any medicines you may need;
- ▶ Provision of all required ultrasound scans that your treatment needs;
- ▶ Provision of required clinical and laboratory procedures including thawing and transfer of embryo previously created;
- ▶ Pregnancy blood test(s) after two weeks;
- ▶ Pregnancy scan after 7 – 8 weeks if indicated as required; and
- ▶ For the duration of your treatment, up to your discharge from their care, dealing with any queries you may have related to your treatment.

Completion of AHR Treatment

You will be considered to have completed your publicly funded IVF/ICSI treatment if your treatment results in a live born child or all embryos resulting from your IVF/ICSI treatment have been transferred and there are no more remaining.

Once the private provider has completed providing you both with the care you have been referred for, you will be discharged back to the Regional Fertility Hub team. The AHR Clinic will provide the Regional Fertility Hub team with a clinical summary of the treatment provided to you and the outcome of that treatment. A further review will then be arranged for you with the Regional Fertility Hub team.

Ongoing Storage of Embryos

All embryos will be stored for you free of charge during your treatment. If you are successful in your treatment (live birth), and have remaining embryos from your funded cycle, the HSE will pay for the storage of these remaining embryos for a maximum of two years following the birth of your child.

After this two-year period, ongoing costs relating to the storage of embryos is a matter between you and your chosen AHR Clinic. The AHR Clinic may have a fee to continue storing any remaining embryos.

If you choose to use your stored embryos as part of further fertility treatment, any costs associated with this treatment will need to be paid by you directly to the AHR Clinic.

Optional Additional Treatments

The HSE is aware that within the private fertility sector in Ireland and elsewhere, a number of optional additional treatments are offered by AHR Clinics.

The HSE has reviewed these treatments in terms of their safety and the evidence as to whether they increase success rates for achieving a pregnancy.

Based on this work, it has been determined that

- a) the HSE will not pay for optional additional treatments as part of this service and
- b) HSE-approved private AHR Clinics cannot offer these treatments to public patients.

The optional additional treatments include such tests and interventions as endometrial scratching, immune tests and assisted hatching.

Therefore if you are treated as part of this service, your chosen AHR Clinic cannot offer you any optional additional treatments nor apply any additional charges to you as part of your treatment. This requirement remains in place even in circumstances where you may be willing to pay yourself for optional additional treatments.

Part 2: Private AHR Clinic Selection

The HSE has approved a number of Private AHR Clinics to provide AHR services on their behalf.

The details of these AHR Clinics are set out on page 2 of your Consent Form as attached to the end of this booklet.

- ▶ **Name of AHR Clinic**
These are provided in alphabetical order.
- ▶ **Location(s) of Primary AHR Treating Centres**
These are the locations where their primary AHR treatment centres are based and which you will need to attend to get your AHR treatment.
- ▶ **Satellite Clinics Locations**
A number of approved AHR Clinics have satellite clinics located in areas around the country. These satellite clinics can support your AHR treatment by doing blood tests, ultrasound scans and providing consultations. The range of services in satellite clinics differ from provider to provider.
- ▶ **Website Details**
Details of the websites of each of the approved AHR Clinic are given for reference purposes.

On the 'AHR Clinic Selection' page, please pick your top three AHR Clinics in order of preference (1, 2, 3) in the "Preference Number for Treatment" column.

Once you have returned the consent form at the end of this booklet, the Regional Fertility Hub team will make arrangements to refer you for treatment to the AHR Clinic you have ranked number one.

You may need to be referred to your number 2 or 3 options in some instances.

Part 3: AHR Consent Form

Please complete the Consent Form.

Please tear this Consent Form out on the perforated edge
and send it to back your Regional Fertility Hub.



AHR Consent Form

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.

Patient One (Female Patient)

First Name	
Surname	
Date of Birth	
Phone Number	

Patient Two (Male Patient)

First Name	
Surname	
Date of Birth	
Phone Number	

We confirm that we:

- a) Have read and understood the information provided in the AHR Information Booklet;
- b) Have read and understood the information given to us in this Consent Booklet including understanding and agreeing to what is and what is not included in the AHR service;
- c) Have chosen our top three AHR Clinics for treatment over page;
- d) Consent to a referral being made by our treating Regional Fertility Hub to one of our preferred AHR Clinics;
- e) Consent to our clinical records held by the Regional Fertility Hub being shared with one of our preferred AHR Clinics for the purposes of our required AHR Treatment;
- f) Consent to the HSE holding and using our data for the purposes of the on-going review, evaluation and development of the national AHR service.

Please tick:

Yes No

Signed Patient One:

Signed	Day	Month	Year
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Signed Patient Two:

Signed	Day	Month	Year
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AHR Clinic Selection

Please rank your top three preferred options

Name of Provider	Location(s) of Primary AHR Centre	Satellite Clinic Locations	Website Details.	Preference Number for Treatment
Beacon Care Fertility	The Concourse, Beacon Court, Dublin 18	Drogheda Limerick	www.beaconfertility.ie	
First IVF	Abbeyhall, Abbeylands, Clane, Co. Kildare	Galway Tralee Cork	www.firstivf.ie	
Merrion Fertility Clinic	Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2		www.merrionfertility.ie	
ReproMed Dublin	5th Floor, North Block, Rockfield, Dundrum, Dublin 16	Drogheda	www.repromed.ie	
ReproMed Galway	Brooklawn House, Galway West Business Park, Ragoon, Galway		www.repromed.ie	
SIMS IVF Clonskeagh	Clonskeagh Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14	Carlow Dundalk Limerick	www.sims.ie	
SIMS IVF Swords	Swords Business Campus, Unit 5/6a, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin.	Carlow Dundalk Limerick	www.sims.ie	
SIMS IVF Cork	City Gate, Mahon, Co. Cork.	Carlow Dundalk Limerick	www.sims.ie	
Thérapie Fertility	The Park, Carrickmines, Dublin 18	Limerick Dundalk	www.therapiefertility.com	
Waterstones Cork	Lotamore House, Tivoli, Cork	Waterford Kildare	www.waterstoneclinic.ie	



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