



GUIDE TO DONOR INSEMINATION (DI) COSTS QUEENSLAND

Artificial insemination with donor sperm or donor intrauterine insemination (DI) involves inserting prepared donor sperm through the neck of the womb (cervix) and into the uterus, close to the time of ovulation.

Artificial insemination using donor sperm is an option for single women and lesbians.

There are two main types of donor insemination cycles:

- Donor insemination using a clinic-recruited sperm donor
- Donor insemination using a known sperm donor

As the DI procedure is performed at the clinic or in the clinician's rooms, no additional day theatre or anaesthetic costs apply.

RAINBOW FERTILITY FEES – QUEENSLAND CLINICS

If your treating specialist is able to diagnose medical infertility, Medicare rebates can be claimed for the sperm preparation (Medicare Item No: 13221). Without a diagnosis of medical infertility, the cost of treatment will not be eligible for Medicare rebates.

In order to be eligible to claim treatment costs through Medicare, patients must have a current GP referral to a Rainbow Fertility specialist.

Medicare Item Number	Initial Payment	Medicare Rebate	Medicare Safety Net Rebate **	Total out of Pocket	Payment Due
Sperm Preparation (13221)	\$500.00	\$44.50	\$22.05**	\$433.45	Day of Procedure
Clinic Recruited Donor Sperm	\$900-1,330	N/A	N/A	\$900-1,330	Upon reservation
Sperm Freeze (Known Sperm Donor)	\$570.00	N/A	N/A	\$570.00	Per Freeze

Fees current 1st of July 2020

The Medicare Safety Net** rebate is dependent on whether you have reached your Medicare safety net threshold for the calendar year. If you have not reached this threshold you will not be eligible for this additional rebate. The Medicare rebate for item 13221 can be claimed from the day of sperm preparation onwards.

ADDITIONAL DI CYCLE FEES

Specialist Fees

In addition to the fees charged by Rainbow Fertility, you will also be charged a DI cycle planning and management fee and a DI insemination fee by your treating specialist. These fees are payable directly to the office of your specialist and if you are diagnosed as medically infertile they may be eligible for Medicare rebates (Medicare item number 13209 and 13203).

It is important to contact the office of your specialist to obtain a financial quote for these item numbers as Rainbow Fertility is unable to provide you with this information.



Medications

If eligible for Medicare you will pay a PBS co-payment per script for medication required during your cycle. For Medicare-ineligible patients the cost of medication is not covered under the PBS and medication is therefore paid in full directly to the dispensing Pharmacy.

Counselling Fees

For DI cycles you will be required to undertake counselling. All counselling is to be paid by the patient directly to the Counsellor at the time of the appointment. If you are using a known sperm donor they will also be required to undertake counselling, the cost of this counselling will be need to be paid by you the recipient. Please consult the counsellor's rooms for an estimate of their fees.

Pathology screening

All known sperm donors are required to have pathology screening. Some of these tests can be bulk-billed however we estimate that the out-of-pocket cost for specialised pathology screening can cost approximately \$500-\$1000. These fees are on-charged to the recipient and are not claimable through Medicare.

Courier Costs

If you select a clinic recruited donor that is located at another one of our Rainbow clinics there may be a fee charged to cover the courier costs.

Specialised laboratory fees

Your specialist may request additional specialised laboratory tests as part of your treatment plan. These costs will be included in your customised cost quote tailored to your individual treatment plan.

Clinic Recruited Donor Sperm Reservation

The donor sperm reservation fee is required in full within two weeks from the date of reservation. If payment is not received within this timeframe, the donor sperm is returned to the donor pool for use by other recipients.

Due to the shortage of clinic recruited donor sperm the reservation period is limited to three (3) months. If the reservation of donor sperm is cancelled by the recipient then there is an administration fee of \$200 payable.

Cancelled Cycle

In the event that your DI cycle is cancelled, there is no cancellation fee charged by Rainbow Fertility. However, you may still incur a fee from your specialist for the planning and management of your cycle.

Ongoing Storage Fees

If using a known sperm donor, the sperm freeze fee includes the initial first 6 months of storage. After the initial 6-month period, a storage fee is deducted from the nominated credit card held on file every 6 months for frozen sperm stored at Rainbow Fertility. If you do not wish to continue with storage, please contact the clinic to obtain the relevant consent form.