



## GUIDE TO KNOWN EGG DONOR / RECIPIENT CYCLE COSTS SYDNEY CBD

Known Egg Donation is where a family member, relative or a friend is prepared to undergo IVF procedures to provide the eggs. The advantages of having a known donor are that the genetic origin is known and the waiting time for the treatment is significantly reduced.

All donor out of pocket medical expenses are to be paid for by the recipient couple. All egg donation is to be altruistic, meaning that there is no financial gain to the egg donor, however reasonable expenses can be reimbursed by the recipient provided that receipts are available.

Following your consultation with a Rainbow Fertility Clinician, you will be contacted by one of our patient services team to organise for an individualised information pack to be sent to you. All aspects of your individual fertility treatment plan will be included in the patient information pack including your consent forms, individualised quote and educational material to help you throughout your IVF journey.

The cost structure will vary depending on the level of treatment you and your partner (if applicable) require. As each treatment cycle is structured to suit individual needs, there are also many different combinations of billing options. In addition to the information below, our patient services team will provide you with a detailed individual financial estimate of expenses. If you have any questions regarding your treatment plan, cost of treatment or the information provided to you, please contact our friendly staff for further information.

### RAINBOW FERTILITY FEES – SYDNEY CBD

The cost of a Known Egg Donor/Recipient IVF Cycle is billed using the following Medicare item numbers. Please be advised that you will be contacted for payment of Rainbow Fertility fees prior to the commencement of your donor's cycle. For the item numbers listed below, the rebate is payable to the egg recipient.

Medicare Item Number	Initial Payment	Medicare Rebate	Medicare Safety Net Rebate **	Total out of Pocket	Payment Due
Registration Fee (initial cycle only)	\$645	Nil	Nil	\$645	Upon registration
Initial IVF Cycle (13200)	\$9,250	\$3,123.20	\$1,714.20	\$4,412.60	Commencement of Cycle
ICSI Insemination (13251)	\$920	\$366.35	\$110.65	\$443	Commencement of Cycle
Preparation of Embryo for Transfer (13218)	\$3,300	\$733.65	\$718.90	\$1,847.45	Day of Embryo Transfer
Embryo Freeze Fee (includes 6 mths storage)	\$615	Nil	Nil	\$615	Upon Confirmation

Current 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021

\*\*If your egg donor has private health insurance and are covered for Assisted Reproductive Treatment they may be partially or fully covered for the cost associated with the egg collection (Item 13212). We recommend that they contact their Private health fund to confirm their level of cover.

### CLAIMING YOUR MEDICARE BENEFITS

You will be listed as the claimant on your donor's Medicare claim. This means that you will pay the total fee up-front to Rainbow Fertility and receive the Medicare rebates payable against item numbers 13200/13201 and item number 13251. Your rebates will be claimed online once your donor's egg collection has taken place. The claim for item number 13218 is payable on the day of your embryo transfer and will be claimed in your name via Medicare online claiming. Rebates are paid back to you within 2-3 working days.

**In order to be eligible for Medicare rebates your Specialist must be able to deem that you are medically infertile.**



## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN RAINBOW FERTILITY FEES

Rainbow Fertility fees include the following services:

- Comprehensive education on the treatment process
- Comprehensive financial quote and assistance with Medicare claims
- Blood tests (pathology) during your egg donor's 30-day IVF cycle and during the recipient's 30-day embryo transfer cycle
- Ultrasounds during the donor's 30-day IVF cycle and the recipient's 30-day transfer cycle
- Standard laboratory scientific services including extended culture
- Semen preparation
- The intensive support of a specialised team of fertility coordinators and scientists

Additional support services such as an initial consultation with a Rainbow Fertility affiliated dietitian at the commencement of treatment and supportive counselling with a Rainbow Fertility affiliated counsellor during your 30-day cycle are available upon request. Please speak to our friendly patient services team for more details.

## ADDITIONAL FEES

There will be some additional costs associated with your donor IVF cycle. You will receive these accounts separately, in addition to your Rainbow Fertility accounts. These will involve the following:

### **Clinician Fees**

The fees from your clinician will be billed in addition to Rainbow Fertility fees and at your clinician's discretion. These will include treatments such as the planning consultations for egg donor and recipient, donor egg collection and embryo transfer. Please contact patient services to obtain a financial quote for the donor/ recipient cycle as this may vary depending on the treating clinician.

### **Fertility Medications**

Fertility medication for your donor's treatment cycle is provided via a prescription from your specialist and dispensed through a pharmacy. The Federal Government requires a PBS co-payment for each type of fertility medication listed on the prescription. The average cost per cycle has been estimated to be approximately \$210. Please note that the PBS co-payment is not a Rainbow Fertility fee and will need to be paid by the recipient on behalf of the donor.

Any medications that are required for your own transfer cycle are not covered under the PBS and will therefore be charged to you directly by the Pharmacy from where the medications are dispensed.

### **Anaesthetist's Fees**

The fee for the general anaesthetic given to the donor for egg collection is billed to the donor directly by the office of the anaesthetist. The recipient is responsible for the out-of-pocket expenses for the donor. In some cases, pre-payment of the anaesthetist account in full may be required and the office of the anaesthetist will contact the donor to request payment. Please ensure that you have communicated with your donor regarding this account and made arrangements to transfer payment to external service providers on their behalf. Approximate up-front fee is \$550.00. Please note that the donor will be able to claim these fees through both Medicare and Private Health.

### **Day Surgery/ Hospital Fees**

The theatre and bed fees for egg collection are payable directly to the private hospital or day surgery. Medicare does not pay anything towards private hospital/ day surgery charges; however, if your donor has private health insurance with hospital cover for Assisted Reproductive Technology, they may be either partially or fully covered for these costs. Rainbow Fertility recommends that the donor contacts their Private Health Fund for an estimate of any excess or co-payments that may be required (please quote Medicare item no 13212).

All egg pick-up procedures and transfers occur at Gateway Day Hospital. Day surgery theatre and accommodation costs are often covered by private health insurance but if your donor has limited or no health fund cover, the EPU procedure cost at Gateway Day Hospital is \$1350.



All embryo transfers occur at Gateway Day Hospital. If you have limited or no health fund cover then the cost of a transfer at Gateway Day Hospital is \$515.

For patients who are uninsured, the full hospital fees are payable upon admission to the hospital.

### **Hospitalisation of the Donor Due To Complications**

The most common adverse reaction to IVF treatment is Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome (OHSS), which can require further hospitalisation following the IVF egg collection procedure. In the event of this, or other complications requiring a hospital stay, you are responsible for your donor's out-of-pocket expenses for all treatment requirements. Please refer to the Rainbow Fertility OHSS and Risks and Complications of IVF Treatment fact sheets for further information. The Rainbow Fertility fact sheets can be located at [www.rainbowfertility.com.au](http://www.rainbowfertility.com.au) or collected from a Rainbow Fertility.

### **Donor's Pathology**

Each donor is required to have specific blood tests including cystic fibrosis and chromosomal analysis before they commence treatment. This fee will be billed to the recipient by Rainbow Fertility. Please note that the approximate cost for these tests can range from \$500.00 - \$1,000.00 depending on the level of testing required. This billing is not claimable through Medicare and will become an out-of-pocket expense for the recipient.

### **Counselling Fees**

The recipient is required to cover the costs for both their own counselling and the counselling undertaken by their donor with the Rainbow Fertility counsellor. Rainbow Fertility recommends that you obtain a quote directly from the counsellor regarding his or her fees.

### **Specialised Laboratory Services**

In addition to the standard embryology services offered, your specialist may recommend other, related services that may help you achieve a successful pregnancy. Additional services include:

- Assisted hatching.
- Specialised embryo transfer media.
- Pre-implantation Genetic Testing (PGT).

### **Cancelled Cycles**

If the IVF cycle is cancelled before the donor's egg pick up, an online claim will be lodged with Medicare to claim the standard rebate for the relevant item number. To simplify the process, your out-of-pocket expense will be the registration fee (initial donor recipient cycle only and not claimable through Medicare). Any remaining fees that have been paid in advance will be refunded back to you.

If your donor has a failed egg collection or if fertilisation fails to occur, the standard IVF fees (Item Number 13200/13201) and any applicable lab fees will still apply.

If your embryo transfer cycle is cancelled prior to transfer or if your embryo/s fail to thaw, an online claim will be lodged with Medicare to claim the standard rebate for the embryo transfer item number (13218).

### **Storage Fees**

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

### **Donor Sperm Reservation**

If you require clinic recruited donor sperm for your cycle, the reservation fee is required upon reservation.

If you choose to reserve donor sperm that is located in another state to where you live you will be required to pay a courier fee. If you are having treatment at one of our Queensland clinics and have reserved a donor located in Queensland then there will be a small service fee payable.

Due to the shortage of clinic recruited donor sperm the reservation period is limited to six (6) months. If the reservation of donor sperm is cancelled by the recipient then there is an administration fee of \$200 payable.