



## GUIDE TO IVF COSTS

Following your consultation with a Rainbow Fertility Specialist, 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 FEES

The cost of an 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 cycle. Your personalised quote will outline the costs specific to your treatment plan and the below is intended as a guide only.

Please note that in order to be eligible for Medicare rebates your Specialist must be able to deem that you are medically infertile.

Medicare Item Number	Initial Payment	Medicare Rebate	Medicare Safety Net Rebate **	Total out of Pocket	Payment Due
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
Embryo Freezing (includes 6mth storage)	\$615	Nil	Nil	\$615	When confirmed
Donor Sperm	\$950 to \$1,600	Nil	Nil	\$950 to \$1,600	When reserved

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The fees charged by Rainbow Fertility cover the following services within the 30-day IVF cycle:

- Comprehensive education on the treatment process
- Comprehensive financial quote and assistance with Medicare claims
- Blood tests (pathology) during your thirty-day IVF treatment cycle
- Ultrasounds with your Rainbow Fertility Specialist during your thirty-day IVF treatment 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.

### **Medicare Online Claiming**

If you are eligible for Medicare and have registered with Medicare for online claiming, we can process your claim online for you on the day of your egg collection procedure. Please let us know if you wish for us to do so. A successful claim will usually result in the refund reaching your nominated bank account within 3-5 business days.

### **ADDITIONAL FEES:**

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

#### **Clinician Fees**

In addition to the cycle fees charged by Rainbow Fertility, you will also be charged a fee from your clinician. The specialist will issue you with an account for the management and planning of your cycle (item 13209), performing the egg collection (item 13212) and transferring the embryo (item 13215). These fees are payable directly to the office of your clinician and may be eligible for a rebate from Medicare and Private Health (item\*13212 only). Please contact your clinician's office to obtain a financial quote for their fees.

#### **Fertility Medications**

Fertility medication for your treatment cycle is provided via a prescription from your specialist and dispensed through a pharmacy. Most fertility medications are listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Patients are required to pay a PBS co-payment for each type of fertility medication listed on the prescription. The average cost per cycle has been estimated to be \$210.

Medicare ineligible patients will need to pay for their medication privately according to the price schedule of the pharmacy that dispenses the medication to the patient. The PBS co-payment is not applicable to a Medicare ineligible cycle. Rainbow Fertility is unable to accurately quote these fees on behalf of the pharmacy. However, we estimate that medications may cost between \$2500-\$4000.

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

The egg collection is performed in either a private hospital or procedure centre. The theatre and bed fees for egg collection are payable directly to the hospital or procedure centre on the day of the egg collection.

If you have Private Health cover and your egg collection occurs in a private hospital, you may be either partially or fully covered for these costs. We recommend that you contact your Private Health Fund and quote Item 13212 to confirm your level of cover.

#### **Anaesthetist's Fees**

If your egg collection is performed under general anaesthesia, your anaesthetist will bill these fees directly to you. Your account may be eligible for a rebate from both Medicare and Private Health.

If the egg collection is performed under conscious sedation, then the cost of the medication utilised will be charged directly to you by the dispensing pharmacy.



## **Counselling**

All counselling, including required donor and legislative counselling, that is undertaken prior to commencing a cycle is to be paid for by the patient and is charged directly by the counsellor. Please contact your counsellor rooms for an estimate of their fees.

All supportive counselling relating to your treatment during your 30-day cycle with a Rainbow Fertility affiliated counsellor is included in your cycle fees and is therefore at no additional cost. For more information regarding in-cycle counselling please speak with one of our patient services team.

## **Specialised Laboratory Fees**

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 but are not limited to:

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

## **Cancelled Cycles**

If your IVF cycle is cancelled before your egg collection and you have been using FSH injections, you will receive a full refund of any payments already made towards your treatment cycle minus any payments paid to the Pharmacy. A claim will be submitted to Medicare at the bulk bill fee for any services that have been provided up until the point of cancellation or if you are not eligible for Medicare then an equivalent cancellation fee will be charged.

In the event that you proceed to egg collection and either no eggs are collected or the eggs fail to develop or fertilize the full fee for treatment is still charged even though treatment has not resulted in a transfer.

## **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.