**GUIDE TO DONOR INSEMINATION (DI) COSTS**

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 individuals 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 Specialist’s rooms, no additional day theatre or anaesthetic costs apply.

**RAINBOW FERTILITY FEES**

If your treating specialist is able to diagnose medical infertility, Medicare rebates can be claimed for the items listed below with Medicare item numbers. 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.

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| **Medicare Item Number** | **Initial Payment** | **Medicare Rebate** | **Medicare Safety Net Rebate \*\*** | **Total out of Pocket** | **Payment Due** |
| Sperm Preparation(13221) |  $995  |  $48  |  $26 \*\* |  $922  | Day of Procedure |
| Clinic Recruited Donor Sperm  |  $1250 - $2000  |  N/A  |  N/A  |  $1250 - $2000  | Upon reservation  |
| Sperm Freeze(Known Sperm Donor) |  $660  |  N/A  |  N/A  |  $660  | Per Freeze  |

 Fees current 1st January 2024

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. Rainbow Fertility is unable to process an online claim with Medicare for DI cycles. Once you have received your clinician’s invoice you will need to manually submit both invoices together in order for Medicare to process your claim.

If the IUI procedure is carried in a City Health Day Hospital / Procedure Centre the admission fee is $340 which is not claimable with your Private Health fund.

**ADDITIONAL DI CYCLE FEES**

**Clinician 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 clinician. These fees are payable directly to the office of your clinician 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 clinician 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.

**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**

If indicated, the donor sperm reservation fee is required to be paid upon invoice being received to confirm your reservation.  If payment is not received by the following day, your reservation will be cancelled and the donor returned to the donor pool for other recipients to use.

Due to the shortage of clinic recruited donor sperm the reservation period is limited to six (6) months. Once 6 months has elapsed your reservation can be re-reserved for another 6 months for a fee of $410 . If the sperm is not used within the 12-month period, the reservation will be cancelled and the returned to Addam donor pool. Once payment is made a refund of the reservation fee or unused donor sperm will not be offered. Sperm reserved for a subsequent pregnancy can be reserved for a maximum of 2.5 years, with re-reservation occurring every 6 months for a fee of $410 .

**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 storage period, storage fees will apply.  Storage fees are payable monthly via direct debit.  If you do not wish to continue with storage, please contact the clinic to obtain the relevant consent form.