**GUIDE TO PARTNER IVF COSTS**

Partner IVF is when one partner provides the eggs which are fertilised with donor sperm, and the other partner carries the pregnancy. Partner IVF allows both partners to become physically involved in the conception of the baby.

If your treating specialist is able to diagnose medical infertility for both patients then Medicare rebates can be claimed for both cycles.  Without a diagnosis of medical infertility, the cost of treatment will not be eligible for Medicare rebates.

**RAINBOW FERTILITY FEES**

The following tables provide a summary of the current Rainbow Fertility fees. Please note these fees are a guide only and are subject to your treatment plan and may change accordingly.

**PARTNER IVF - ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE:**

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| **Medicare Item Number** | **Initial Payment** | **Medicare Rebate** | **Medicare Safety Net Rebate \*** | **Total out of Pocket** | **Payment Due** |
| **Stage One** | | | | | |
| Initial IVF Cycle (13200) | $9900 | $3325 | $1997 \*\* | $4578 | Commencement of Cycle |
| Donor Sperm | $1250 - $2000 | N/A | N/A | $1250 - $2000 | Upon Reservation |
| ICSI Insemination  (13251) | $1070 | $391 | $129 | $550 | Commencement of Cycle |
| Embryo Freezing Fee  (includes 6 mths storage) | $690 | N/A | N/A | $690 | Upon Confirmation |
| **Stage Two** | | | | | |
| Preparation of Embryo for Transfer  (13218) | $3580 | $775 | $837 | $1968 | Day of Procedure |

Fees current as of 1st January 2024

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| **Medicare Item Number** | **Initial Payment** | **Medicare Rebate** | **Medicare Safety Net Rebate \*\*** | **Total out of Pocket** | **Payment Due** |
| **Stage One** | | | | | |
| Initial IVF Cycle | $9900 | N/A | N/A | $9900 | Commencement of Cycle |
| Donor Sperm | $1250 - $2000 | N/A | N/A | $1250 - $2000 | Upon Reservation |
| ICSI Insemination | $1070 | N/A | N/A | $1070 | Commencement of Cycle |
| Embryo Freezing Fee | $690 | N/A | N/A | $690 | Upon Confirmation |
| **Stage Two** | | | | | |
| Preparation of Embryo for Transfer | $3580 | N/A | N/A | $3580 | Commencement of Cycle |

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**What the Rainbow Fertility fees include:**

The fees charged by Rainbow Fertility include the following services within your treatment cycle:

* Comprehensive education on the treatment process
* Comprehensive financial quote and assistance with Medicare claims
* Blood tests (pathology) during the IVF cycle and your partner’s embryo transfer cycle
* Ultrasounds during the IVF cycle and your partner’s 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 supportive counselling with a Rainbow Fertility affiliated counsellor during your cycle are available upon request. Please speak to our friendly patient services team for more details.

**ADDITIONAL FEES**

**Clinician Fees**

Additional fees for a Partner IVF treatment cycle are charged by your clinician and include the management of both treatment cycles (Medicare Item Nos. 13209) and the fee for performing both egg collection (Medicare Item No. \*13212) and embryo transfer (Medicare Item No. 13215).

These fees are set at your clinician’s own discretion (not by Rainbow Fertility) and are claimable through your private health fund (\*13212 only) and may be subjectable to the Medicare rebates. Please contact the office of your specialist for further information regarding his or her consultation and cycle fees and the relevant rebates.

**Fertility medication**

Fertility medication for your treatment cycle is provided via a prescription from your specialist and dispensed through a pharmacy. If you are deemed as medically infertile you 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 approximately $160.

Medicare-ineligible patients are required to pay for their medication privately according to the price schedule of the pharmacy that dispenses the medication to them. The PBS co-payment is not applicable in a Medicare-ineligible cycle. Rainbow Fertility is unable to accurately quote these fees on behalf of the pharmacy.

All medication required for the recipient’s transfer cycle is not covered under the PBS co-payment scheme and as such is payable at full cost to the pharmacy dispensing the medication.

**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.

If your egg pick-up and transfer occurs within a City Health Day Hospital or Procedure Centre, your day surgery and accommodation cost maybe partially covered by your private health fund. Please confirm these costs with the Day Hospital/Procedure centre administration team prior to your admission date for an estimate of any excess or gap payments that may be required. However, if you have no health fund cover, the procedure cost for an EPU is $1350 and $340 - $565 for an embryo transfer (depending on clinic location). All hospital fees are payable upon admission.

Please note, as egg collection occurs under IV sedation or general anaesthetic there will be an additional fee for the anaesthetist. Your anaesthetist will bill these fees directly to you and the account may be eligible for a rebate from both Medicare and Private Health fund (if applicable).

**Counselling Fees**

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.

All supportive counselling relating to your treatment with an affiliated Rainbow Fertility counsellor during your cycle is included in your cycle fees and is therefore at no additional cost. Please contact your counsellor rooms for an estimate of their fees.

**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 .

**Specialized 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)
* Sperm freeze

**Ongoing Storage Fees**

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.

**Cancelled Cycles**

If the IVF cycle is cancelled before your egg collection and you are eligible for Medicare, we will claim a cancelled cycle with Medicare on your behalf. Any payments already made towards your treatment cycle will be returned to you, minus any PBS co-payments paid to the Pharmacy. If you are in-eligible for Medicare small 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.

In the event of a cancelled transfer cycle or failed embryo thaw, if you are covered by Medicare 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. If you are in-eligible for Medicare a cancellation fee will be charged.