

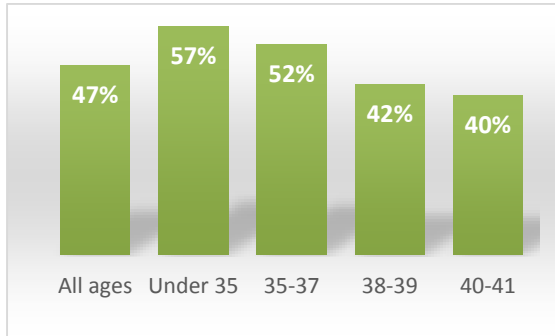


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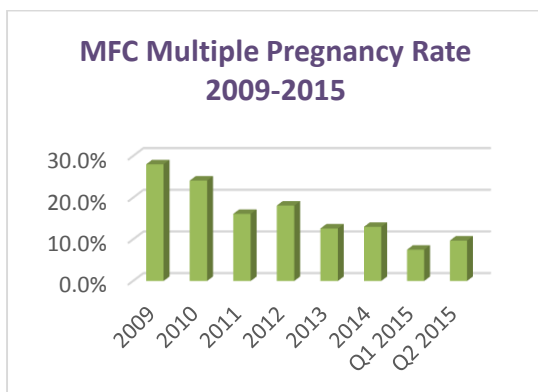
MFC News

IVF Success Rates July '14 to June '15



We continue to achieve excellent IVF success rates with an overall clinical pregnancy rate for the **last 12 months of 46.9%**. **This rose to 56.6% for women under 35**. Sadly, because of the high chance of miscarriage, the live birth rate plummets in those over 40 and a recent study of our patients shows a live birth rate of only 5-7% in 42 and 43 year olds. This is in keeping with international norms so **PLEASE refer your patients before they are 40**.

Continuing our focus on best practice and clinical safety, we are delighted with our success in reducing our multiple pregnancy rate to what is probably the lowest in the country.



Dr Wingfield attends fertility summit in Washington

I attended a summit hosted by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in September, where the focus was on **access to fertility care**. It highlighted to me once again how inequitable Ireland's approach is when it comes to infertility. We remain one of only three countries in the EU where fertility treatments are not funded by the state. In an effort to advocate for support for what is a recognised medical condition I submitted an opinion piece to the Irish Times which was published on 18th September.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/why-fertility-treatment-deserves-state-funding-1.2355721>

New Patient Support Group

Arising from feedback from our recent Patient Focus Groups, MFC has decided to commence a pilot support group for our patients. The purpose of the programme is to facilitate patients to come together with the common objective of offering each other support and sharing their experiences in a safe and confidential environment. For more information visit

<http://merrionfertility.ie/mfc-support-group/>

Website

We encourage doctors to visit our new site and would appreciate your feedback and suggestions at info@merrionfertility.ie

The demand for support from **Merrion Fertility Foundation** continues to grow. We are pleased to announce that donations and applications to the foundation can now be made online at <http://merrionfertility.ie/merrion-fertility-foundation/>

Mary Wingfield

Dr Mary Wingfield, Clinical Director

Merrion Fertility Clinic is a not for profit organisation at the National Maternity Hospital