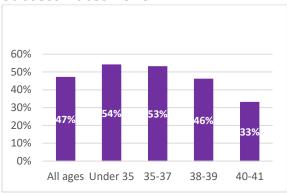


Merrion Fertility Clinic

September 2017 Newsletter

Success Rates 2016



Our clinical pregnancy rate for IVF and ICSI treatments in 2016 was 47% * per completed cycle of treatment. In couples where the female partner was 37 years of age or younger, the rate was 53-54% *. Our overall twin pregnancy was 8.8%.

* Due to miscarriage etc., live birth rates are lower, especially in older women

Donor Sperm Service

We are delighted to announce that in July 2017 we were licensed by the HPRA to provide IUI and IVF/ICSI services using donor sperm. This is sourced from European sperm banks. Appropriate clinical work-up and counselling are essential parts of our service. Treatment is available for heterosexual and same-sex couples and for single women.

Patient Information leaflet

We are currently distributing a comprehensive patient friendly information leaflet to GPs and Consultants. If you require more please contact our GP Liaison Officer, Carol Whelan on 6635000.

Fertility Handbook

Professor Wingfield's comprehensive fertility guide was published in June 2017 and is now available in all bookshops and on line. Described in the Irish Times as "an essential read for couples facing infertility" there are detailed sections on lifestyle, when to seek help, fertility problems and fertility treatments. With up to date referenced studies and facts it is also a resource for doctors and healthcare professionals. All royalties go to Merrion Fertility Foundation which offers financial assistance to couples who cannot afford treatment.

Research

Professor Louise Glover was appointed earlier this year to co-ordinate all research at Merrion Fertility Clinic. Our website now has an easy to navigate research section detailing current projects, publications and awards https://merrionfertility.ie/about/research-teaching. This is an important aspect of our work for which we hope to attract external funding. Current work includes research into endometrial function, oocyte quality, the immune system and endometriosis.

Sterilisation project

Professor Wingfield and Dr Martyn are now taking referrals to MFC and NMH for a study on hysteroscopic sterilisation using a device developed by an Irish company. While not part of our fertility service, this project fits with our growing service of outpatient hysteroscopy.

