

## Monash IVF Information:

Any form of medical treatment can be stressful. Obtaining information about the facility and the relevant costs can be essential in easing the anxiety. To assist you in this process we have outlined a series of frequently asked questions which may prove valuable.

Questions:	Monash IVF - Queensland
1. What are the current Monash IVF Queensland pregnancy rates for women less than 40 years of age?	<b>39.4%</b> <i>Includes all Qld. sites</i>
2. Does Monash IVF optimise pregnancy chances by culturing embryos to the Day 5?	<b>Yes</b>
3. Does Monash IVF utilise any CREI doctors? <i>A CREI has undergone extensive additional study and training in reproductive endocrinology.</i>	<b>Yes</b>
4. Are all the Monash IVF clinics currently certified with the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC)?	<b>Yes</b>
5. Does Monash IVF have payment options?	<b>Yes</b>
6. Does Monash IVF charge a registration fee?	<b>No</b>
7. How much will I be out of pocket for my 1st IVF cycle of the calendar year after the Medicare rebates / Safety Net rebates?	<b>~\$2,656*</b>
8. How much will I be out of pocket if I require microinjection of a single sperm into the egg (ICSI) following Medicare rebates?	<b>\$82.25 Plus IVF Fee</b>
9. How much will I be out of pocket for my 2 <sup>nd</sup> or subsequent IVF cycle of the calendar year after the Medicare rebates / Safety Net rebates?	<b>~\$2,146*</b>
10. Is there an additional fee for extended culture to Day 5 (blastocyst)?	<b>No</b>
11. Does Monash IVF charge extra for counselling?	<b>No</b>
12. Does the doctor charge separate fees for egg collection, embryo transfer and managing my care?	<b>No</b>
13. Is there a fee for accessing the donor sperm, egg or embryo programmes ( <i>if applicable</i> )?	<b>No</b>
14. Are embryo transfers performed in hospital or in a procedure room?	<b>Procedure rooms at Sunnybank &amp; Gold Coast</b> <i>Where a Day Surgery facility is used there will be a hospital fee.</i>
15. How much does the Day Surgery Unit charge for egg retrieval?	<b>Amounts vary depending on if you have Private Health Insurance or not.</b>
16. How much will the anaesthetist charge?	<b>Amount will vary depending on the anaesthetists charge</b>



What can we do to help you? Please give us a call on;

Monash IVF	Location:	Contact Number:
BRISBANE	Sunnybank <i>(Southern suburbs)</i>	(07) 3345 4455
	Redlands <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 3345 4455
	Ipswich <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 3345 4455
Wesley Monash IVF	Wesley Private Hospital <i>(Close to CBD)</i>	(07) 3232 7088
GOLD COAST	Maryborough <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 4123 8500
	Southport	(07) 5519 1600
	Hope Island <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 5519 1600
	Robina <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 5519 1600
	Tweed <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 5519 1600
ROCKHAMPTON		(07) 4921 2022
	Emerald <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 4921 2022
	Gladstone <i>(Consulting)</i>	(07) 4921 2022
TOWNSVILLE		1 800 628 533

*We'd be delighted to assist you!*

## Did you know?

- There are 5 Monash IVF clinics in Queensland – part of the National Monash IVF group
- One in six couples in Australia has difficulty conceiving
- Infertility is supported financially by Medicare and by capped Safety Net reimbursements
- The chance of conception decreases with both female and male age
- Infertility treatment involves a team of specialists, including scientists, nurses, counsellors as well as doctors
- The medical specialty for infertility is Certificate in Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (CREI)
- The quality of the embryology laboratory plays a significant role in success
- Not all clinics offer the same technology, so check that they offer what you require
- Clinics are certified by the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC) annually to ensure quality of care and access to Medicare rebates
- Any out of pocket medical costs incurred during investigation of your infertility contribute to the Medicare Safety Net Threshold



### Helpful Financial Tips:

1. Ensure you are registered as a couple for the Extended Medicare Safety Net benefits.  
[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/index.jsp#N10094](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/index.jsp#N10094)
2. Register your banking details with Medicare to ensure prompt repayment.  
[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/index.jsp#N10094](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/index.jsp#N10094)
3. Check your Safety Net Threshold contributions to determine if you have met the threshold.  
[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/index.jsp#N10094](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/msn/index.jsp#N10094)
4. Discuss any annual medical expenses with your accountant for possible tax benefits.  
[www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/19181.htm](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/19181.htm)
5. Contact your Private Health Insurance provider to determine if you are entitled to any additional refunds for IVF drugs.
6. Consider reviewing your credit card limit to cover any prepayment costs.
7. The Safety Net Threshold from 1st January 2010 is **\$1,126.00** and **\$562.90 (Concessions cardholders)**.