

INCLUSIVE FERTILITY OPTIONS

Most people don't realize how many fertility options are actually out there, which can be especially helpful for the LGBTQ+ community. Here's a guide of some options the doctor may discuss with you, depending on what your needs are.

IUI

During IUI (intrauterine insemination), sperm is inserted into the uterus. This treatment is less invasive and less costly than IVF (in vitro fertilization).

IVF

IVF (in vitro fertilization) involves the eggs being fertilized by sperm outside of the body and the resulting embryos then being implanted into the uterus. IVF is recommended when the chance of IUI success is low.

IVC

Intravaginal culture (IVC) is when eggs and sperm are placed in a device, and then inserted into the vaginal canal for fertilization. After a period of incubation, the device is removed and the doctor transfers one or more embryos into the uterus.

EGG FREEZING

When freezing eggs, hormone injections stimulate the ovaries to produce multiple eggs. Then, the eggs are surgically extracted and frozen right away in a specialized lab. Once frozen, eggs stay healthy and high quality until you're ready to use them. For trans men, egg freezing provides several options for building a family—they can carry the pregnancy themselves, donate their eggs to a partner via IVF, or use a gestational surrogate.

SPERM DONATION

The two options for selecting a sperm donor are known donors and unknown donors. Semen analysis is recommended for donors to make sure the sperm are healthy.

EGG OR EMBRYO DONATION

There are a variety of options when looking for and selecting an egg donor. Some sex partners often select a known or anonymous egg donor through an egg donation agency. An egg donation agency interviews and screens potential egg donors to make sure they're physically and psychologically capable of donating eggs.

SURROGACY

Surrogacy is when a person carries a pregnancy to term for another person or couple—either by being inseminated with sperm or having an embryo implanted.

GESTATIONAL SURROGACY

A gestational surrogate is a person who does not supply the egg used in conception but carries and gives birth to a child for another.



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